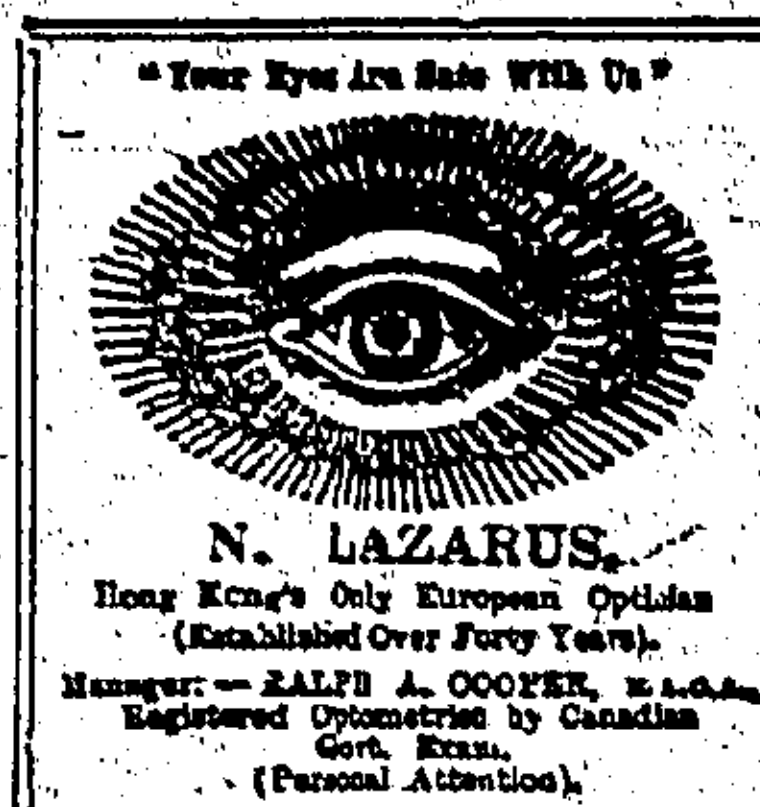


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UNDER THE PUNKAH.

By J. PENN.

Several people have asked me during the past week whether I know who "J. Penn" is, but nobody has actually asked me the direct question whether I am he! That is all to the good. The more they talk about me the less likely are they to discover my identity, and the longer I can preserve my anonymity the more fun I shall have. Meantime, if any reader really wishes to get in touch with me to tell me a good story, or to hand me a bouquet, a letter sent care of the Editor will reach me—whereas a brick won't!

I see there is to be a masked and fancy-dress ball over at Kowloon shortly, and anybody turning up without a mask will be fined a dollar. My friend Bottlethwaite won't wear a mask nor will he pay an extra dollar—they will think he is wearing a mask when they see his face. Some years ago he went to a masked ball, and when midnight came and the Master of Ceremonies gave the order to unmask, Bottlethwaite's fair partner took off her mask and asked him why he didn't. The poor fellow blushed, and stammered out an apologetic explanation to the effect that what she thought was a comic mask was actually a real face, which he couldn't take off, though he would gladly get rid of it if he could. [We remember seeing that joke in the museum at Pompeii the last time we visited the ruins of that ancient city.—Ed.]

Speaking of faces, of course you know that story about a man who rushed up to another and flourishing a revolver in his face, said he was going to shoot. "Why?" asked the prospective victim. "Because," said the man with the gun, "I swore a solemn oath if ever I met a man uglier than myself, I would shoot him!" The victim looked at the countenance of his assailant, and, buttoning up his coat resolutely, said: "Shoot!" [We saw that one in the Cairo museum; the name of the man with the weapon was Menthopt Ptolemy cheops.—Ed.]

"Any port in a storm!" they say—which I suppose includes even Hong Kong, but it is when a ship cannot make port that trouble begins. We have in Hong Kong a nice little vessel which is supposed to be a rescue-ship, but for about eight months in the year the Kowloon goes to sleep on the retired list. Her boilers—so it is said along the waterfront—are used as convenient receptacles for milk, butter, eggs and cheese, which the watchman aboard naturally wants to keep in a cool place. She stays so long at her moorings that when the time comes for her annual re-appearance as a thing of life, they have to send divers down with dynamite and crowbars to prise her away from the barnacles and seaweed. It's a great life—but not a very useful one.

Sandy and Andy had but lately arrived in London from Fife. It was their first visit to the metro-

polis, and they were both anxious to find the streets which by legend were "paved with gold." On their journey from King's Cross Sandy spotted a sixpence lying in the gutter of the station yard. Eagerly he pounced on it, with a triumphant smile at his companion's doubtful face. "Ooh, Sandy mon," remarked the other scathingly, "ye dinna tae waste your time on that mon. Wait till ye get in the thick of it."

It was really awfully nice of Mr. Amery to sit down and write a letter telling us what he did on Armistice Day, but what on earth delayed his kindly message? In the good old days nobody expected news from London to get here in less than three months, but in these times we expect—and get—better service. The Editor tells me that Mr. Amery's letter to the Colonial Secretary was dated December 29th, which means that he wrote it 48 days after the events he described! He had better get a few lessons from his old colleague Birkenhead in the art of rapid writing. Having taken over five weeks to write fifteen lines, Mr. Amery seems to have given his letter to a messenger-boy to deliver by hand, possibly thinking Hong Kong was just round the corner from Downing Street. Imagine what would happen to Mr. Amery if he were in the employ of Mardineir or Swinfen, and a letter from London arrived here in February reporting what he had been doing in November! Would he be cordially thanked? The answer is in the negative, as the photographer said when the young lady asked him if she displayed her bridge-work when she smiled.

An officer inspecting sentries guarding the lines during the territorial manoeuvres came across a raw-looking infantryman.

"What are you here for?" he asked sharply. "To report anything unusual, sir." "What would you call unusual?" "I dunno exactly, sir." "Hm!" said the officer. "Then what would you do if you suddenly saw five battleships steaming across this field?" "I'd sign the pledge, Sir!" he said.

So the Shanghai exchange-brokers are in for a bad time, I see by the paper. The greedy, grasping bankers have cut their commission down by half, and the poor fellows are being forced to sell their ten-cylinder two hundred horse-power cars and ride in rickshaws! If something of the sort should happen in Hong Kong, we ordinary individuals would not be in daily danger of being killed by the brokers and their flying squads. I often wonder why the traffic police don't stop these fellows turning corners on the wrong side of the road. Every day, as I stroll round the blocks on my "constitutional," I see (and hear) yelling coolies tearing through the streets, scatter-

ing law-abiding pedestrians in all directions, and whirling round corners in defiance of all the rules of the road. Every day I expect to see the mangled remains of a broker and his henchmen scattered over the street, on the wrong side of course, but up to the present they have had the most extraordinary luck. If a peaceful person like myself tried to do such stunts, I should come to grief at the first fence, but then you can't be good-looking and lucky, can you?

Janet:—"Jack says he can read you like a book."
Olive:—"Yes, and darn him, he wants to use the Braille system."

Heard in Mr. Lindell's Court the other day:—
Detective:—"Prisoner said: he stole it, Your Worship."
"Give your evidence properly," replied Mr. Lindell. "What did he actually say? Did he say, 'I stole the watch'?"
Detective:—"Oh, no, Your Worship! He said nothing about you at all, Your Worship!"
Collapse of the Court usher!

A scaffolder appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Kowloon Magistrate's a few days ago charged with stealing a large fish (produced in Court) from a junk. "What a subject for an old master!" Study of a Scaffolder with a fish!

George P. Bottlethwaite (Whom God Preserve) hit upon an astounding discovery upon the Ferry yesterday. Quoth he: "There seems to me to be as much difference between playing the bufoon and being a bufoon, as there is playing the bassoon and being the bassoon!" "Selah!" chorled the coolie, who overheard his remark.

What will women do next? There is a vogue among ladies in Paris for striking designs which are painted on the skin. Evening dresses are being made with no backs and several artists are specializing in painting "Love's Lament" and the "Frozen Shoulder" in place of the usual covering of silk. Other designs are imprinted on the skin with transfer papers. Another advanced fashion is that of covering the finger-nails with phosphorescent paste which makes them gleam in the dark. The latest thrill, mention of which should be made in the London papers, was provided by a lady on the Ferry on Wednesday. She had just "dismounted" from a round-the-world cruiser, and presented a charming picture in a brown fur coat, green hat, pale pink stockings, yellow gloves and black cloth boots!

"The difference between learning golf and motoring," quoth George P. Bottlethwaite (Whom God Preserve), "is that in golf you hit nothing and in motoring you hit everything in sight!"

THIS WEEK'S BRIGHT THOUGHT:—"No matter how fast a fish may swim you never see one sweat!"

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.
(February 16th.)
H.K. Realty and Trust Company, annual general meeting, Exchange Building (2nd floor), noon.
Bank of East Asia, 10th Ordinary meeting of shareholders, China Merchants Club (5th floor China Building), 3 p.m.
Interport Dinner: Savoy Hotel, 8 p.m.
Banvard Co.: "Folies Bergere," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Farewell Concert to Mrs. Luard, City Hall, 8 p.m.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.
Cricket:—First Division: Royal Navy v. Civil Service, Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C., University v. Chinese. Second Division: Hong Kong C.C. v. University, Police v. Kowloon (F), Indian R.C. v. Craigiepower (F), C.S.C.C. v. Recreation (F), R.A.S.C. v. Hong Kong Electric (F).
Football:—Interport: Shanghai v. United Services, Club ground, 3.30 p.m. Second Division: South China "B" v. Queen's, Recreation v.

South China "A", St. Joseph's v. Chinese, Kowloon v. R.A.F., Royal Artillery v. Eastern, Navy v. K.O.S.B., University v. Small Units.
Queen's Theatre: "Revenge."
World Theatre: "The Wizard."
Star Theatre: "The Kid Brother."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: King Edward Hotel and Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.; Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Suez (Khiva). Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kashgar), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Empress of Australia), 6 p.m.
Sandy.
(February 17th.)
First Sunday on Lent.
Golf: Junior Championship, Semi-Finals, Fanling.
Fanling Hunt: Steeple Chase, 3 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Emden."
World Theatre: "The Wizard."
Star Theatre: "The Kid Brother."
Banvard Co.: "Folies Bergere," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Monday.
(February 18th.)
Golf: Military Meeting.
Sale of Crown Land, Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2171, 3 p.m.
Unveiling of Tablet in Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Fireside Discussion "Education," 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Emden."
World Theatre: "Impetuous Youth."
Star Theatre: "His Secretary."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C., 5 p.m.; and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (President Madison).

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After years of suffering and after the enormous expense of travelling and the endless doctors' bills, there is nothing that I can do but speak good for the Poo On Chinese Herbs and heartily recommend them.

Four other members of my family have also been cured by the Poo On Chinese Herbs, which causes me to endorse them more strongly. My husband was suffering from a sore on his lip that was painful and troublesome, and as he was a heavy smoker we believed that it was turning to smoking cancer. He consulted the herbalist and was given some remedies and the sore has since been cured and the sore has

My boy Edward, aged 17, was troubled with a pain in his side which caused collapse when he did hard work. We had to see that he was exempted from High School exercises because the pain caused him to drop out. The doctor said that he had appendicitis and that it would be necessary to operate if he expected to be well again. We decided to try Poo On Chinese Herbs and after a few treatments the boy became well and is now able to do all kinds of hard work without any more pain.

Another of my boys, Fred, aged 21, had suffered many years with catarrh and became worse as time went on. He tried many treatments and remedies without result but we can say that after taking some Poo On Chinese Herbs he was completely cured and has never been troubled since.

My daughter Blanch, a few years ago, fell and hurt her side very severely and since that time she was troubled with pain in her side and was unable to find anyone or anything that would help her. The poor girl suffered so much that she had to quit work. A few treatments with the Poo On Chinese Herbs and the girl has been feeling normal ever since.

My whole family cannot express in words its gratitude towards Poo On Chinese Herbs. They have brought health and happiness into our home and have stopped the seemingly endless doctors' bills. We all heartily recommend Poo On Chinese Herbs and have sent many friends to the Herbalist and in every case they have been benefited by Poo On Chinese Herbs.

(During this interview regarding this story taken by a special representative of the newspaper, Mr. F. Meinhardt, Sr., was present and said: "We are glad to tell anyone what Poo On Chinese Herbs have done for my family.")

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RAIDS ON RAILWAY IN HARBIN.

SOVIET NERVOUS OF INTERFERENCE.

NEW LAWS AND CRIMINAL CODES FOR MANCHURIA.

[United Press Letter from the North.]

The attacks carried out by Mongol horsemen on the Chinese Eastern Railway came as a surprise in view of the peaceful relations between the Chinese and Mongol sides as a result of the recent visit to Mukden of Go-dao-fu, the young Mongol rebel leader, and the peace negotiation at Hailar.

The first raid took place on the railway section between Manchuli and Dalian stations and closely followed the passage of the special train which carried on board General Wan Fu Lin, the military governor of Heilongjiang Province. Telegraph wires were cut on a distance of about three miles, and the gang of workmen sent to effect repairs were chased away by the rifle fire of a group of horsemen, who at that time were believed to be Chinese brigands.

A small force of Mongols attacked the station at Unur, which had been the first object of the rebels.

A Narrow Escape.

The station-master and staff were captured without resistance and locked in a room in the station building. The attackers then proceeded to smash all signal appliances and telegraph and telephone apparatus and this completed, they poured kerosene on the floor and set fire to it before leaving the place.

Luckily for the imprisoned men, a workman who had managed to hide during the attack, was able to effect their release just when the flames were already licking at the door of the room in which they were locked. The freed prisoners were able to put down the fire, but owing to the interrupted communication with neighbouring stations, railway traffic remained closed until a train carrying troops and a workmen crew was despatched to the spot.

Later, it was found that the Mongols, after leaving Unur, had carried out two other raids on neighbouring stations, where Russian employees were badly beaten up and two Chinese workmen killed. The bodies of the latter were burned in a building to which the raiders set fire.

So far, it has not been possible to ascertain the reason for the renewal of hostilities on the part of the Mongols, as the negotiations at Hailar were reported to be progressing favourably.

A Sale to France?

The hoisting of the Kuomintang flag and the forcible taking over of the Chinese Eastern Railway's Telephone Exchange, has caused the Soviet to show considerable nervousness concerning the position of Soviet Russia in North Manchuria. It is interesting to note that opinion is divided, one section advocating the voluntary handing over of all Russian property in Manchuria to China as declared by Khrankin in 1920, whilst the others wish to offer

every resistance possible to Chinese aggressiveness. It is this latter section which is trying to give as much publicity to such actions as the taking over of the telephone exchange, the closing of the Soviet official newspaper *Molva*, and they are promulgating news of meetings of protest held in Siberia and European Russian in connection with these acts.

The return of Gekker, ex-member of the Board of the C.E.R. to Harbin from Paris and Moscow, is awaited with great impatience by the Soviet section as it is expected that he will bring with him the last instructions from the Soviet Government.

By the way, it is believed that it was Gekker's stay in Paris that had given rise to rumours of the intended sale of the C.E.R. to France.

By order of the Chinese Ministry of Justice the law codes promulgated by the Nationalist Government have been introduced in the territory of Manchuria. The new codes are of quite a modern nature and are based on the most forward western law codes. One of their most interesting features is the abolition of the preliminary investigation process which used to be carried out in camera. From now on, each case will be handled in public from the very beginning. It is also interesting to note that the responsibility of officials has been greatly increased, offences on their part drawing extremely severe punishments.

Prison as a School.

At the same time, in view of the modern humanitarian tendencies, which tend to consider the prison more in the light of an educational and soul improving institution, the criminal responsibility of the average citizen has been greatly lowered. In the criminal code, however, an unrelenting campaign against Communism can be traced throughout. For offences against the State, for Communist propaganda, and for distribution of Communist literature, punishment has become much more severe than formerly.

As it will be at Harbin and along the line of the Chinese Eastern Railway that these new codes will be applied to the largest colony of non-extraterritorial foreigners in China, the local judicial authorities are anxious to have them translated into Russian as correctly as possible. The translation of the former codes had been of a private nature and this had led in the past to many misunderstandings in the interpretation of law texts between the practicing lawyers and the judges in court.

A special committee has been formed of Russian and Chinese lawyers and interpreters, and the edition of the codes will be carried out by the court itself thus giving them official character.

40 PROFESSORS PUZZLED.

SIR OLIVER LODGE'S
CONFESSION.

ELECTRON THEORY.

Forty learned Fellows of the Royal Society sat, expectantly silent, for an hour at Burlington House while Professor Eddington, of Cambridge, a great authority on relativity and the electron, expounded a new formula in connection with the charge of an electron.

Abstracts of the lecture had been prepared, and over a preliminary cup of tea these pamphlets were discussed. The main substance of the abstract was that "the assignment of separate identity to two indistinguishable electrons is regarded as part of a conventional scheme of reference which includes also their location in space and time, so that relativity transformations which interchange the identity are analogous to relativity transformations of space time axes."

That was by far the simplest statement of all.

Sir Oliver Lodge, asked his view on the abstract, said: "It is entirely unintelligible to me." Other professors were of the same mind.

How they strained, when the actual lecture started, to catch the gist of the matter! It was all a problem, with blackboard formulae of the two integers 136 and 137.1. It appeared vaguely that electrons have "routes of transformation," and by former formulae these routes are various axes, had been calculated to be 137 and a point or two over. Professor Eddington had nailed the electrons down to 136.

Sigh Of Relief.

Everybody gave a real sigh of relief when the professor produced two golf balls from his pocket, and set them on the table. Here, at last, was something every one understood. The golf balls, however, playing the unaccustomed role of electrons, were full of higher mathematics, relativity, dynamics, (Continued on next Column).

TRIBUTE FROM A JUDGE.

WOMAN COUNSEL'S EMOTION.

MURDER SENTENCE.

The murder trial in which for the first time a woman barrister was a leading counsel concluded at the Old Bailey when William John Holmyard, aged twenty-four, a musician, was sentenced to death for murdering his grandfather, William Holmyard, aged seventy-two, a commission agent, of Tichbrook-street, Pimlico, by striking him on the head with fire tongs.

Mr. Justice Humphreys prefaced his summing up with a tribute to Miss Venetia Stephenson, the learned counsel for the defence. He said that the case was defended with conspicuous ability.

"I am sure," he added, "you will agree that a serious responsibility lies on her shoulders, but at least she may feel that she has discharged her duty to her client in a manner that reflects the highest possible credit on her carefulness and her own ability. It is a satisfaction to know that everything possible that could possibly be said for this young man, or done for him by advocacy, has been said and done."

Holmyard seemed dazed when he heard the verdict.

Miss Stephenson betrayed emotion when Holmyard was sentenced to death.

Signs Of Distress.

She left the court immediately the case was over and passed to the robing room. It was apparent, when she came out again, having exchanged her counsel's robes for a fur coat and a small black hat, that she was still much distressed by the verdict.

She looked extremely pale, and her face was set as though she was suffering much from the result of the case.

Miss Stephenson's final speech was clearly enunciated, every word being heard throughout the court. "May I please you, my lord, members of the jury," she began, "I am fighting for this young man's life and if words fail me it is because I appreciate the responsibility that rests on me in defending this young man on this serious charge."

"I know," she concluded, "that you will not let sympathy for the dead override justice for the living. This is the most solemn moment in my life, and I leave this young man's life in your with a prayer that God may lead you to a right conclusion."

Miss Stephenson's closing words and eloquence made a great impression on the court. She spoke for half an hour.

Three women were on the jury.

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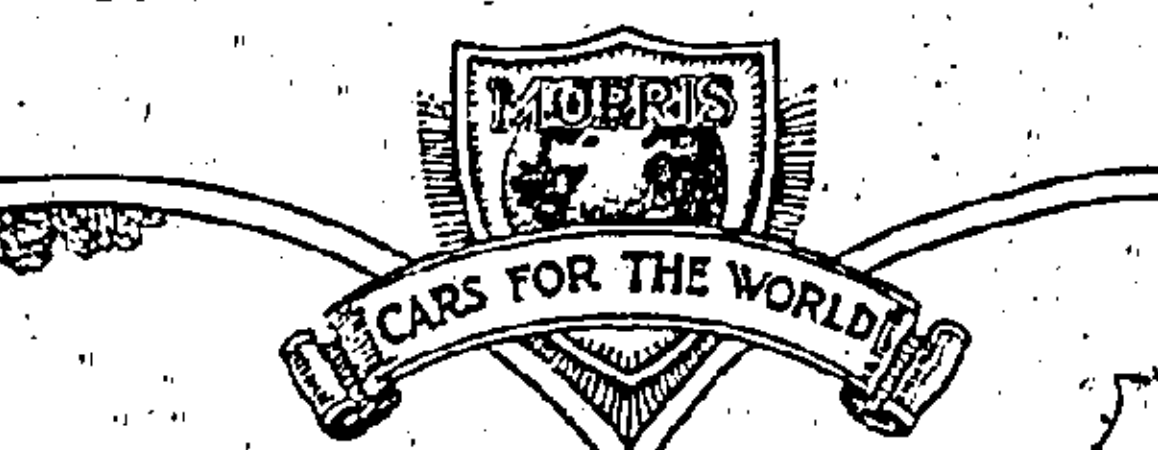
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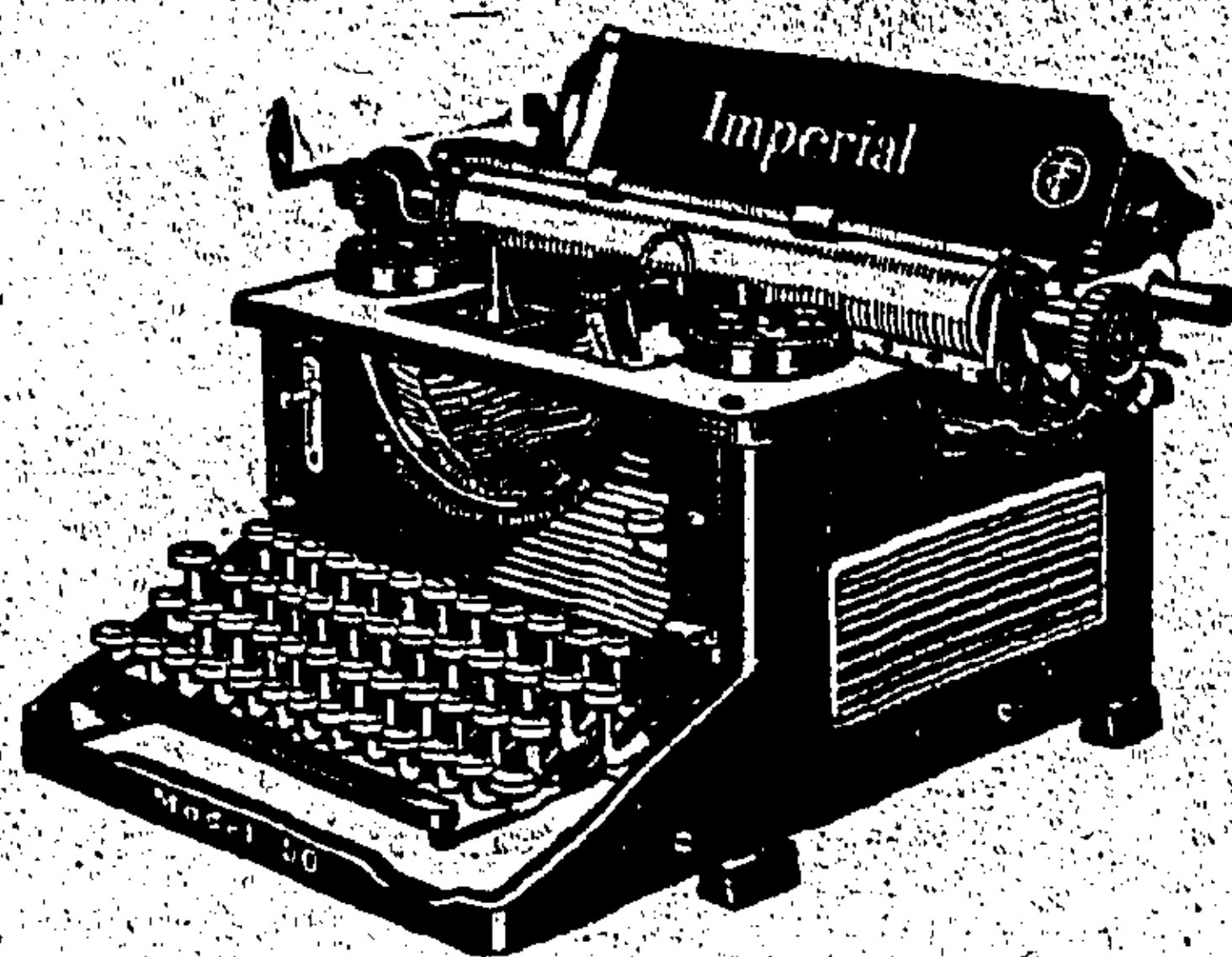
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THE WOMAN'S CORNER

WOMEN'S ROLE IS CHANGING THE WORLD OVER.

THE PARADOXICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

TURKEY MAY HAVE WOMAN JUDGE.

Rarely a week passes without news of the changing status of women in the world over. It is true that women do not go to the polls in Hawaii, the Philippines, or Porto Rico; but for that matter, neither do men in most of those regions.

In Latvia, Iceland has complete equality; both men and women of twenty-five may vote. So, too, in Finland, where the voting age is twenty-four.

In Latvia things are even broader, for the polling age begins at twenty. In Estonia there is no feminist question, because there is complete equality between the sexes in legal matters. Thence southward things taper toward the Orient.

True, Poland has recently ruled that married women are eligible for jobs in the postal and telegraph service.

On the other hand, the Minister of Posts in Germany decreed that women in his service must wear long skirts! In Belgium a deadlock on woman suffrage forced a dissolution of Parliament and required a new election in 1925.

The Problem in France.

The French refuse to be considered behind the rest of the world in gallantry, yet the Senate there saw ruinous staring the country in the face if it followed the action of the Lower House in giving women the vote.

It is not merely that the French Liberal Government fears the influence of the Church if women are granted equal suffrage rights; the French, and to a large extent other Latin women, seem much less eager for the ballot than many of their sisters.

"Dreary Complete Hopelessness."

In Hungary conditions are unique. There all men over twenty-four may vote, and so may all women over thirty, providing (1) they have three children, (2) earn their own living, (3) have a diploma from a higher school, (4) are the wives of teachers or of graduates from such a school.

Dreary, complete hopelessness to the feminist cause hangs over most of the Balkans. Not only in Albania, but in the adjoining lands, the medieval status still largely holds sway.

Nothing surprised me more in Greece than the Moslem attitude of, and towards, the women of all but a few strata of the two or three larger cities. The women work in the fields while the men loiter in shaded drinking places. Obviously in such a land the question of women voting has barely been thought of, much less broached.

The Women Of Italy.

Rumania is a backward country,

not only in its attitude towards women, but towards other inarticulate classes.

It goes without saying that the women of Italy do not expect a degree of freedom no longer accorded the men.

Soon after the march on Rome, Mussolini promised to consider the pleas of certain pioneers of the feminist movement. Finally, via the Chamber of Deputies, he gave women the right to vote in municipal elections. But the right has never been exercised, for the new privilege was nullified two years ago.



And what of Spain! Strangely enough it is the Spanish ladies who are the leaders of all Latin women, in having already attained the vote.

It was, I believe, in 1926 that King Alfonso, with the help of Primo de Rivera, promulgated a royal decree giving the right to vote and to be elected to all women householders, and making the voting age for both sexes twenty-three years.

Varied Conditions In Russia.

In Russia, a reputedly backward land, the crime is not in being a woman, but in being well-to-do. There is universal suffrage for all citizens above eighteen years of age

except employers of labour for profit (farmers excepted) and persons who do no socially useful work, including the clergy. At least the Soviet Constitution gives complete equality between the sexes.

In practice, conditions differ greatly in different parts of the Union of Soviet Republics, according to local political and cultural standards.

In some districts medieval conditions still prevail, and women have not yet attained even elementary rights.

In April 1926 a Turkish woman became Clerk of the Municipal Court of Constantinople, as a first step toward the Bench, it was announced, though she has still to become Turkey's first woman judge.

Things are moving rapidly in India. Hindu women are now eligible for office. A programme of equal rights for women has been drafted by the Bombay Conference and is expected to be enacted into law. It will enforce strict monogamy.

Women are to be allowed judicial separation in cases of infidelity, desertion or conversion to another faith on the part of the husband.

The Strange Situation In China.

The situation in China is paradoxical. Chihli officials are reported to be carrying on a campaign against the Westernization of young women. Yet the girls of Peking have been ordered to bob their hair (if under thirty) or pay a "degeneracy tax." The binding of feet is becoming more and more costly in fines in various parts of China.

Mrs. Sun has opened a political training institute for women of Hankow. The tendency is growing for young people to have more to say in choosing their mates. But in China, as in Turkestan and various other parts of the world, the opposition will live longest in the homes, in the indifference to, if not actual insistence against, reform on the part of the women themselves, as well as the men.

War Has Given Women Freedom.

Africa! The reign of a girl chosen beauty queen in Tunis was prevented by the protest of the Mohammedan population because she would have had to show her face unveiled to crowds.

Paradoxically war—a fighting man and a ballot being in a sense synonymous has given women their greatest boost, and brought them most nearly to equal the fighting man not only in the ballot but in many other matters.

War gave Chili her women street-car collectors; it has made many a lawyer or business woman of the widow or bereaved daughter of a French soldier.

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TASTY STUFFINGS.

There are certain oven-cooked meats which are never stuffed; there are others, such as, veal or lamb breast, and beef casings which are better stuffed, but roast fowl falls in a class by itself in that a dressing is almost an absolute requisite.

Any housewife who has had to omit this item, will perhaps remember the wistful comments it occasioned when the gravy was served—for what is chicken gravy but a "dressing for dressing"—and her subsequent resolution that next time she would see to it that there would be no more minute lack of time, or of materials.

Left-over, stale breadcrumbs is the primary ingredient for most dressings, but if the usual accumulation has just been used up in a bread pudding, or been given the children to throw out to the birds, slice a fresh loaf of bread and let it dry out a bit in the oven.

A plain bread stuffing for fowl is made as follows: Soak one quart of stale bread broken in pieces in cold water and squeeze dry. Season to taste with salt, pepper, poultry seasoning, chopped parsley and a small onion, chopped fine. Add two and one-half tablespoons of fat dripping, melted. Mix thoroughly; then add one egg, slightly beaten; and the heart, liver and tender parts of the gizzard, chopped fine, and partially boiled. Some cooks prefer to heat the fat in a pan, add the soaked bread, and then add the egg and seasoning. A little pork or liver sausage can be used instead of the chicken liver and gizzard.

In some parts of the country, oyster dressing, especially for turkey, is favoured. It can be made with the above recipe, by substituting a dozen or more large oysters and a little of the oyster liquor for the chicken meat.

Chestnut stuffing for turkey can be made with either breadcrumbs, chicken crumbs, or mashed sweet potatoes. Use four cups of large

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chestnuts. Shell the chestnuts, pour boiling water over them and remove the inner brown skin. Boil until tender in salted water or stock. Drain and pass through a ricer. Add the two cups of crumbs or the mashed sweet potatoes, one-third cup of butter, one egg, the liver and seasoning to taste with salt, pepper, sage, onion juice and chopped parsley. If a moist dressing is preferred, add stock or cream.

For roast goose, make a slightly different chestnut dressing. Cook one teaspoon finely chopped onion with three tablespoons butter for several minutes. Add ten canned mushrooms, finely chopped, one cup of chestnut sauce (made by mashing boiled chestnuts through a strainer or ricer), and salt, pepper and chopped parsley to taste. Heat to boiling point, add one-half cup stale bread crumbs, and about two dozen chestnuts, cooked and left whole. Cool the mixture before stuffing the goose.

Roast goose is also very good with a potato dressing. Make it as follows: Add to two cups of hot mashed potato, one cup of stale bread crumbs, one-third cup chopped salt pork, one large chopped onion, one egg slightly beaten, and salt, sage and pepper to taste. Dripping or fat may be substituted for the salt pork.

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What would you do if you were in a tiny coastal canoe in shark-infested waters, with a seven-foot tarpon, weighing two hundred-weight, leaping and thrashing about on the end of your line? Strange to say, this particular type of thrill is eagerly sought after by deep-sea anglers who journey from all parts of the world to catch tarpon off the Texas, Florida, and Mexican coasts.

The tarpon is a species of giant herring, but it is not entirely harmless for all that. Varying in length from five to eight feet, and weighing from one to two-and-a-half hundredweight, it is remarkably strong and is able to cut through the water at over thirty miles an hour.

A *Fierce Fighter*. Like the salmon, the tarpon struggles fiercely to escape from the hook of the angler. It also leaps out of the water continually, sometimes jumping to a height of twelve or fourteen feet in the air, the fish shaking its head and rattling its gills as it strikes the surface of the water with a resounding crash, sending foam and spray in all directions.

Again and again the monster springs into the air and is frequently reported of a hooked tarpon leaping from the sea and falling back upon the canoe of the angler, smashing it to matchwood and seriously injuring or killing its occupant.

Tarpon are also prone to rise suddenly underneath a boat and capsize it. As a tarpon is usually followed by a shark or two, another excitement is added to the chase. Sharks and tarpons wage continuous war upon each other, the sharks frequently attacking the tarpon after it has been hooked and has exhausted itself in its struggles.

While it is comparatively easy to hook a tarpon, which is most susceptible to bait consisting of mullet—it is by no means easy to land one. Very frequently, as soon as it feels the hook, the tarpon swims off at a terrific speed, dragging the canoe at such a rate that, more often than not, for safety's sake, the angler is compelled to cut the line.

A *Mysterious Origin*. If the hook holds, the giant herring commences its leaping tactics. When the monster is dead, it is gaffed alongside the canoe and towed ashore.

Nobody has yet discovered anything about the early life of the tarpon. The smallest specimens caught seldom weigh less than four pounds. Although they are sometimes encountered a long way up tidal rivers, it is doubtful if they breed there and many authorities consider it probable that the tarpon comes to life near the bottom of shallow, sandy bays, remaining in its "nursery" until it is large enough and strong enough to evade the attacks of its rapacious enemy, the shark.

Tarpon-fishing is the chief of the sea sports on the eastern side of the American continent. At various resorts, big hotels cater solely for the requirements of tarpon anglers and hundreds of men make their living by acting as boatmen and guides for the wealthy men of leisure who enjoy a sport which has grown rapidly since it first started in 1885.

[H. A. F.]

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 9th.

Plague.

Rangoon: 1 death.
Colombo: 3 cases, 2 deaths.
Canton: 1 case.
From Fench: 3 cases, 2 deaths.
Infected rats: Measles (1), Bombay (6), Rangoon (5), and Colombo (2).

Cholera.

Calcutta: 23 deaths.
Rangoon: 1 death.
Tientsin: 16 cases, 11 deaths.
Bangkok: 17 cases, 9 deaths.
Pnom Penh: 1 case, 1 death.

Smallpox.

Bombay: 8 cases, 2 deaths.
Bombay: 26 cases, 23 deaths.
Calcutta: 13 cases, 7 deaths.
Kanchi: 16 cases, 4 deaths.
Madras: 84 cases, 6 deaths.
Negapatam: 7 cases, 3 deaths.
Rangoon: 3 cases.
Vizagapatam: 6 cases.
Colombo: 1 case.
Samarinda: 4 cases.

Hai Phong: 14 cases, 11 deaths.
Pnom Penh: 22 cases, 14 deaths.
Shanghai: 6 deaths.
Canton: 16 cases, 1 death.
Macao: 14 deaths.
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Mukden: 3 cases, 1 death.

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Mr. B. D. F. Beith presided over the meeting and others present were Messrs. A. H. Compton, T. G. Weall and C. Gordon Mackie (Directors) and F. H. Crispell (Secretary), with the following shareholders:—Capt. C. B. Riggs, Messrs. C. M. Manners, J. T. Bagram, F. M. Ellis, O. F. Ribeiro, A. Sadick, C. F. Lee, O. Kitchell, Lo Kin Fat, Kwok Hing Wan, A. Seton-Winton, L. S. Greenhill, J. M. Alves, W. S. Bailey, and C. F. Mendham.

The Report.

The Chairman in addressing the meeting said that the balance of Working Account for the year under review was \$385,685.22 compared with \$373,535.87, the previous year. After transferring \$50,000 to reserve, \$20,000 to general contingency account, allowing for depreciation and ordinary repairs, the balance available for appropriation, including \$42,437.15 brought forward from last account, was \$520,038.34, "which," he added, your Directors propose dealing with as follows:—

Pay a dividend of \$2 per share and a bonus of \$1.50 per share, absorbing \$280,000, and carry forward \$40,038.34.

You will observe in the accounts we have subscribed \$2,000 to the Charter Memorial Scholarship Fund, which I am sure will meet with your approval.

The accident fund of \$140,000 has been transferred to general contingency account and a further \$20,000 added. Under its new heading the fund may be utilised for any purpose your Directors consider necessary.

The Company's Fleet.

One of our older ferries was sold during the year at a profit of \$10,500 in excess of book value.

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Whether it is in the best interests of this Company to branch out into an extensive development of its service of this nature, calls for careful investigation and the matter is once again receiving the consideration of your Directors.

I am given to understand that the Government at the present time, owing to other and more urgent needs in the public interests of the Colony, does not see its way to contribute anything towards such a service but is prepared to consider favourably any scheme which may be put forward with a view to the inauguration of a combined vehicular and passenger service between two terminal points on either side of the Harbour.

Mr. J. T. Bagram seconded the motion and the report and accounts were adopted.

The confirmation of the appointment of Mr. B. D. F. Beith to the Board of Directors in place of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, who resigned during the year, was proposed by Mr. E. M. Ellis and seconded by Mr. A. Sadick and carried unanimously.

Mr. C. M. Manners then proposed, and Mr. C. F. Lee seconded the re-election of Mr. T. G. Weall to the Board of Directors. Carried unanimously.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., selected auditor for the ensuing year on the proposal of Mr. A. Seton-Winton, seconded by Capt. C. B. Riggs.

The meeting terminated with the announcement by the Chairman that dividend warrants would be ready to-day.

North London woman: She sprang at my little boy like a tiger. Solicitor: What do you mean? Woman: She was hollering and raving. Solicitor: Tigers do not do that. Woman: Well, they make a funny row.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—A PROTEST.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

Sir,—Kindly permit me to refer to the item which appeared in your columns yesterday, dealing with two inquiries which were held in Southport, England.

The first inquiry was held in a case where Christian Science treatment had been resorted to, and the coroner said in so many words that Christian Science treatment amounted to "quackery." It is difficult to understand why Christian Science should ever be designated as "quackery" in such cases, when numerous similar occurrences are taking place under general medical treatment. In view of the overwhelming weight of evidence in support of the healing efficacy of Christian Science, such utterances are rapidly becoming futile and the Southport coroner seems to have overlooked the fact that Christian Science was recognised by the British Government in the recent Nursing Homes (Registration) Act.

In the second inquiry, the individual did not rely on Christian Science treatment, but seems to have depended on prayer. There are thousands upon thousands who have turned to Christian Science for healing and have been completely restored. These healings come to pass because Christian Science is simply the reinstatement of the primitive Christianity found in the Holy Bible and taught by Jesus Christ and they are the direct outcome of his words: "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes in the textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," "I have never supposed the world would immediately witness the full fruition of Christian Science, or that sin, disease, and death would not be believed for an indefinite time; but this I do aver, that, as a result of teaching Christian Science, ethics and temperance have received an impulse, health has been restored, and longevity increased. If such are the present fruits, what will the harvest be, when this Science is more generally understood?" (p. 349).—Yours, truly,

W. H. ADLER,
Christian Science Committee
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Hong Kong, Feb. 15th.

JAPANESE "RED LIGHT" ABOLISHED.

IN PREFECTURE NEAR TOKYO.

Licensed prostitution in Japan met its first decisive legal defeat recently, writes the *North China Daily News* Tokyo correspondent, when the Prefectural Assembly of Saitama, a prefecture adjoining Tokyo Prefecture, unanimously passed a resolution abolishing the sordid "business" in that district. No new licences are to be granted, neither will those already secured be extended, and it is believed that, upon the expiration of the present licences, the undesirable practice will automatically disappear from Saitama Prefecture.

There was the usual opposition from the keepers of such dens and the subsidiary trades, like drinking halls and houses of assignation, that fatten on the licensed system, and the inevitable arguments that, when the "red light" regions are abolished, the decent women of the place will suffer, that sly prostitution will increase and that disease will in consequence flourish were trotted forward, but it was pointed out that Saitama Prefecture originally did not have a licensed quarter and that there had never been these evils then.

The victory was achieved largely through Christian efforts, particularly through those of the Japan Women's Temperance Association and of the Salvation Army, the latter having thundered against this system for the past 20 years.

The attitude of the Government towards this system, which has flourished in this country for generations, definitely changed in 1925 when the Government devised and passed legislation whereby the inmates of these houses were entitled to protection. Although the legislation does not go very far, yet it has been regarded as the thin end of the wedge in the attempt to tear down the unwholesome edifice that the "trade" has built up.

LA ARGENTINA.

A LIVING GOYA.

AMAZING PERFORMANCE AT THEATRE ROYAL.

"La Argentina" danced to a crowded and enraptured house at the Theatre Royal last night, through a series of dances each of which served to emphasise a different angle of her personality.

But whatever she dances, a wild gypsy movement, a stately classic, or an interpretive ballet, La Argentina is always herself and always Spanish. Like Pavlova she stands alone in her chosen medium of expression, and, different as their interpretive methods are, it is to Pavlova that your thoughts turn when you seek for words to explain her dancing. Pavlova has given us the highest interpretation of the mind expressed in movement, particularly of the introspective Russian mind. Argentina expresses the emotions, especially the vivid emotions of that land of romance from which she hails.

It is hard to speak of her art except in superlatives, because it is so intensely emotional and yet these very superlatives seem to cheapen, because they are used so lavishly in the modern day advertisements of very inferior art. When you read of Argentina as "a flower which changes in shape and colour as it swings in the breeze or the stormy whirlwind of the dance," you may think the French critic has been playing with words for their own sake. But when you see her on the stage you realise that this lyrical rhapsody is no more than the truth. Argentina's personality is amazingly strong and she grips her audience from the moment of her entry. Each succeeding dance goes like wine to your head and makes her seem the more marvelous.

She is tall, graceful and alluring with the deliberate provocation of the South. The play of her eyes, of her smile, and of all her loveliness is all calculated, perfectly practised, wholly delightful and never cheap.

Of the dances which she gave last night perhaps the ritual fire dance was the most interesting and original. The two most enchanting numbers however were a delightful piece of burlesque in the Toledan peasant dance, and the sinuous and lovely Andalusian Tango. But every dance has its peculiar appeal of movement, meaning and costume.

Her costumes are extraordinarily good. They are all essentially Spanish, all beautiful and all entirely different. How wonderfully she manages those flowing skirts, only a woman could realise, and every woman in the audience last night must have envied La Argentina for the opportunity she has to wear such entrancing creations, and her great skill in the wearing. Argentina is a dancer whom you could see over and over again, and it will be glad news for all who were present last night that she has decided to pay a second visit to the Theatre Royal on February 25th, on her return from Manila.

E. M. B.

ROMANCE OF SPAIN.

THE "MERE MAN'S" VIEW.

One of the world's most vivid stage personalities delighted us at the Theatre Royal last night. La Argentina is Spain's greatest dancer. She is more than that, for she has become the embodiment of that romantic spirit of Spain, which may or may not be found in reality but has been made to live in the imagination by Goya and Cervantes, the finest of dance music and a tradition greater than any individual.

It is not unreasonable to doubt the power of one dancer—outside the Russian ballet—to hold the attention of an audience through a whole evening. But every misgiving vanished as La Argentina herself flashed onto the stage, dazzling us with her grace and beauty, the superb art of her costumes, the haunting music of her castanets.

There was a big audience and at once the dancer gripped it, for she has the genius of personality which sweeps one into her own mood. It was the gift of Sarah Bernhardt, Irving and Caruso at one end of the scale, and Lauder and Nell Farren, of a past age, at the other. And Argentina's mood was a joyous vitality, alluring, impudent, and in one delightful peasant dance delicious clowning.

The ritual fire dance, when her fingers moved like tongues of flame, was the most thrilling, and the 18th Century bolero the most full of charm.

La Argentina is most fortunate in her skilful and modest pianist, Carmencita Perez, and both these ladies received an ovation of a kind not often heard even from our good natured Hong Kong audiences. They had carried us away for a whole evening to the sunshine of Spain and we could only show our gratitude in applause.

R.B.

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WHOLESALE DEATHS IN TIENTSIN.

CHILDREN BEING VIRTUALLY MURDERED.

A foreigner who is in a position to know the facts draws attention to certain evil practices in the ex-German Concession, Tientsin, among the Chinese population. When a child or other helpless person falls ill in one of the crowded houses or tenements which abound in parts of the 1st Special Area, the practice is to buy a certain white powder known as "hui-suntan" or "life restorer pills" which may be bought at Chinese drug stores for about 80 cents. These are administered to the patient, who usually gets worse, and more powder is administered till the sufferer dies. The body is then handed over to a Chinese undertaker who is simply a coolie, to be disposed of. He puts it in a basket and empties it into the creek. If the body is too large to go in the basket, he cuts it up.

The Principal Victims. According to our informant, dozens of cases of this kind occur every week. The victims are principally girl babies, but sometimes boys also. There is no registration of births, nor of deaths, so that this slaughter of the innocents goes on unchecked, and the extraordinary thing is that the Special Area police remain quite inactive, though the baskets are carried through the streets under their noses. Even if they knew that the dead body of a girl child lay in the basket they would probably feel no prompting to interfere.

Our informant speaks of two cases in one family, a girl and a boy, who died last month of "hui-suntan" treatment, and whose bodies were summarily disposed of. There was a third child in the family, a healthy little boy, but our informant one day noticed that this child was sick too, and asked the cause. "Oh," said the father, "there was a little of the medicine left in the box so we gave it to the child!"

Medicine Sold Without Check.

The "medicine," thought deadly in its effects, is sold without check, and administered by unskilled parents. It causes sickness and convulsions, followed by death. No doctor is called in. Severe restrictions are imposed on the sale of morphine, this being according to our informant, one of the few useful steps taken by the Nationalist Government, but this "life restorer" which kills is sold without stint.—*North China Sunday Times.*

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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

THE College will RE-OPEN at 9.00 A.M. on MONDAY, 25th FEBRUARY. There will be AN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION for NEW BOYS (Boards and Day-boys) at 9.30 A.M. on SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, at PROSPECT PLACE, BONHAM ROAD. [7404]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

ON the Occasion of the 10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED, the Directors and Management will be AT HOME at their Office on SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY from 11.00 A.M. to 12.30 P.M. [7345]

Y.M.C.A. LADY HELPERS.

ATTENTION IS DRAWN to the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Y.M.C.A. LADY HELPERS, to be held in the NAVAL & MILITARY Y.M.C.A. CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, at 11. [7398]

NOTICE.

BY Kind Permission of LIEUT. COL. H. C. POSEBY, D.S.O., M.C., and OFFICER in Charge of the 1st Bn. QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT will be "RETREAT" on the HONG KONG CHICKEN CLUB GROUND at 5 P.M. on TUESDAY NEXT, 19th FEBRUARY (Weather Permitting). [7400]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the CHINESE MERCHANTS' CLUB (5th Floor), CHINA BUILDING, Queen's Road Central, at 3.00 P.M., SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1929, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1929 (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1929. [7328]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, DES VOUX ROAD on TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1929, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY to TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1929, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 22nd Jan., 1929. [7283]

HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on FRIDAY, 22nd DAY of FEBRUARY, 1929, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, 5th Floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, Hong Kong, at 12 O'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Financial Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1928, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th FEBRUARY, to the 22nd FEBRUARY, 1929, Both Days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Board,
T. A. BARRY,
Acting Secretary.
14, Des Voux Road Central,
Hong Kong. [7388]

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION held on SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1929, at 12 O'clock Noon at the CITY HALL, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, the following Resolution was passed, viz:—

That the Directors of the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION be and they are hereby requested and authorized by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a Further EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Corporation will be held on SATURDAY, 23rd DAY of FEBRUARY, 1929, at 12.45 in the AFTERNOON at the Same Place for the purpose of receiving a Report of the above mentioned Meeting and of considering, and if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

NOTE.—A Copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual Banking Hours (Sundays, Public and Holy Days excepted) in Hong Kong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the Offices of Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Prince's Buildings, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned Confirmatory Meeting. [7379]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CITY HALL, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1929, at 12 O'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1928.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY to SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1929 (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1929. [7345]

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, on THURSDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st to the 28th FEBRUARY, 1929, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. MANUK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 13th Feb., 1929. [7390]

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 15th DAY of MARCH, 1929, at 12 O'clock Noon, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, to FRIDAY, 1st MARCH, 1929, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 7th Feb., 1929. [7371]

A little learning is a dangerous thing;

Drink deep, or touch not the **Pyeris** Spring.

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And drinking deeply, sobers us again.

(ALEXANDER POPE,
Essay on Criticism).

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RACE MEETING, 1929.

25th, 26th, 27th FEBRUARY & 2nd MARCH, 1929.

THE FIRST RACE on Each Day will be Run at 12 O'clock Noon. The First Bell will be Rang at 11.30 A.M. Each Day.

MEMBERS' BADGES.
Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of This Year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Members have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, on or before SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1929, at a Cost of \$10 Each Per Day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon Application to the SECRETARY, Badges for the Admission of Two Ladies Free of Charge.

On no pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the First Three Days of Racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, Price \$3 Per Day for All Persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 Per Day.

Admission by Ticket Only.
Bookmakers, "Big Top" men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.
Passes for Servants will be issued on Application to Messrs. LINSTED & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and endorse their Names on the Passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their Employers' Bands.

Any Persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same, and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
[7392]

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.30 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone central near Shanghai remains unchanged. Fresh monsoons may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.

Hong Kong Office: 11, Ice House Street.
London Office: 21, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C.4.

The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 16th, 1929.

FINANCIAL REFORM BY MARTIAL LAW.

ABOUT a month ago attention was drawn in these columns to certain proposals for restraint upon trade in Yunnan. Permission was to be obtained before any merchant could export or import goods, and official sanction also obtained for the remittance of money to points outside Yunnan. In commenting upon these regulations, we emphasized the fact that while the Nanking Government was assuring the Powers of its desire to facilitate commercial business, the authorities in Yunnan were taking precisely opposite steps. We pointed out that if the promised abolition of *li-hsia* was to be followed by provincial schemes for obstructing free trade within the frontiers of the Republic, conditions would be no better, and might become even worse, than they were. The hope was expressed that the Nanking Government would see that such artificial restraints upon trade were removed. We now learn that under telegraphic orders from Nanking the proposed regulations for controlling all imports and exports and restricting the remittance of funds from the Province have been abandoned by General Liwei Yui, the Tupan of Yunnan. At the same time, a proclamation relating to the re-organization of finances, which also call for attention, has been posted all over the province.

The Government frankly admit, in this proclamation, many of their sins, and a casual perusal of the document might lead the reader to think it quite harmless, but the sting is in the tail. There is no getting behind the fact that a forced loan is aimed at, and it has to be paid for on a silver basis—that is at the rate of \$3 in notes for every dollar required. The proclamation is much too long for reproduction in our columns, but a summary of its salient features will be found of interest. The story begins by reviewing the financial history of the province since 1911, when no more annual grants were received from Peking. Local revenue was not sufficient to meet expenditure, and "owing to the enormous expenses incurred for military purposes, the funds of the Fu Tien Bank had to be appropriated." By February, 1927, the face-value of notes issued was \$40,000,000, but trade was so bad and conditions so disastrous that exchange fell heavily and a financial panic occurred. It was hoped that after the revolution in February, 1927, conditions would improve, but in June two Generals "who harboured ill-feeling" robbed the Treasury, the Fu Tien Bank, and all the revenue-collecting stations in the province. "Our valiant troops" fought desperately against the ill-feeling military gentlemen and their followers, and although expenses were kept down as much as possible, seven of eighteen million dollars worth of additional notes printed went for military expenses. This brought the total issue of the Fu Tien notes up to \$58,000,000 face value. Actually, these dollar notes were worth precisely what they would fetch—perhaps thirty cents, possibly twenty.

"Cunning merchants," says the proclamation, "specialized in silver, treated banknotes like waste paper, without the least regard for the public, but only for their own selfish ends." The Yunnan Government and the Fu Tien Bank endeavored to stabilize this paper currency, paying out good money for notes presented, and accepting notes at full face value in payment of taxes. Thus revenue collections appearing on the books at \$10,000,000 per annum actually were only equal to two or three million dollars. The time now having come to take firm measures to deal with the situation, and various administrative works having to be carried out, "it is hoped that by raising a loan the position may be solved and the problems of financial readjustment and the note redemption settled." Hence the following decisions:—

1.—A loan of \$20,000,000, purchasable by the public at 50% their own face value, within six months from January 1st. The banknotes received in payment for bonds will be destroyed, and from 1932 to 1942 the bonds will be redeemed in ten equal annual instalments. Holders will receive for their \$10

bonds ten dollars in national currency.

2.—From January 1st the revenue of the province will be collected in silver—two Yunnan half-dollar silver coins or \$3 in notes will be accepted as equivalent to one silver dollar. Two-thirds of the revenue will be used for military and administrative purposes, and one-third for redemption of banknotes to be destroyed.

It is estimated that \$30,000,000 of notes will be thus accounted for, and the Yunnan Government states in the proclamation that "a large quantity" of silver has been already purchased for minting into national currency. When these coins get into circulation, exports—it is hoped—will increase, and imports of luxuries will be reduced by the development of local industry.

We now come to the sting in the tail—persons interfering with the carrying-out of the scheme "will be dealt with in accordance with martial law without mercy." The public says the proclamation may have certain doubts about this scheme of financial readjustment, but it is hoped they will appreciate the difficulties the Yunnan Government has to face. The prosperity of the province depends upon the successful execution of this scheme, and "unscrupulous officials, crafty merchants, or bad characters who attempt malpractices will be dealt with in accordance with martial law, without mercy." Reading between the lines, and looking at the situation through Chinese spectacles, there seems to be only one conclusion to be drawn. A forced loan is to be raised, and those who—like the two Generals above-mentioned who raided the Treasury—"harbour ill-feeling" will be suitably dealt with in accordance with martial law. It may be true that cunning and crafty merchants have been deliberately depreciating currency; such things have happened in other parts of the world when opportunity has arisen for speculative operations of the kind. The Yunnan Government may be deserving of sincere sympathy in their plight, but raising a "loan" by the aid of martial law is surely a very desperate measure, and scarcely calculated to restore public confidence. If permissible with regard to loans, why not in other directions—restriction of imports by martial law, restriction of exports by martial law, control of all peace activities by martial law? The fact that the proclamation recognizes that the public may have "certain doubts" about this remarkable method of financial readjustment is almost an admission that the Yunnan authorities realize that their action is irregular and improper. Perhaps the Nanking Government will give its attention to this as it did to the previous injustice to which we gave publicity.

News and Views.

The evening service at St. John's Cathedral will be broadcast tomorrow, commencing at 5.55 p.m.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Lieut. G. F. Agutter, R.N., of H.M.S. Tamar, to Miss M. A. Hogg, of Sharnon, Canton.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. E. Larson, of Homam, Canton, to Miss R. Rickey, missionary, residing at No. 100, Portland Street, Yaumati.

All members who have not received their invitation to the At Home at the Helena May Institute on Monday, February 18th at 4.30 p.m. are cordially invited to be present.

The Ladies Committee of the Naval & Military Branch of the Y.M.C.A., will hold their annual general meeting on Tuesday next, February 19th, at 11 o'clock in the "Cheero" Canteen.

Between 1929 and 1933, eighty thousand new houses and flats will be constructed in Paris and its suburbs according to the provisions of the Loucheur Law, which provides for the building of 200,000 dwellings throughout France.

An Indian constable was before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning on charges of entering No. 31, Halphong Road without a warrant, demanding a bribe of 40 cents, and stealing 70 cents. The case was adjourned till Monday.

At what the local Press described as "a brilliant ceremony" Doc O. Chuan, Chinese millionaire of Manila, caused the following to be christened in one job lot: Six sons, two daughters, and one nephew. Guests included Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol and Senate President Quezon.

Undoubtedly the most industrious hen in Europe has been found in Wisel, near Dusseldorf. Biddy broke the European egg-laying record when she deposited in her specially-built nest, egg number 315 for the year 1928, thus surpassing the 312-egg record held by the former champion, a resident of Holland. Until October 27th she continued to pile up eggs, registering an additional 27 during that period in order to give her lady friends a real mark at which to aim. From October 27th to November 23rd she was allowed to rest, but then resumed her activity.

The small-pox epidemic, judging by cases reported to the authorities, appears to be very slightly decreasing. Last week there were 80 cases (2 British) and 59 deaths. On Wednesday there were 12 fresh cases (10 from Victoria) and on Thursday only six fresh cases. Thursday's return also gives two diphtheria cases, one British and one Chinese.

Two more Chinese have been taken into custody in connection with the ghastly murder on New Year day of an elderly Chinese in the employ of the Botanical and Forestry Department. One of the men arrested was said to have been previously employed in the same department as the murdered man. At present there are three men detained on suspicion.

Some nice new white arrows have been painted on the road at Kowloon at the bend approaching the ferry. Now there will be no excuse for motorists who are unfamiliar with the "keep to the left" rule. A further improvement would be a speed limit to check those "road hogs" who persist in wearing out brake-linings as a result of rushing up to the ferry entrance at thirty miles an hour, instead of slowing down gradually as good drivers do.

The dean of French War Veterans, Corporal Antoine Courchinnoux, who is 83 years old, has just been made a Knight of the Legion of Honour. Courchinnoux distinguished himself as a sharpshooter in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. During the intervening years, he worked as a gardener in Auvergne, raising a large family. At the news of the death of his grandson in Belgium during the first onslaught of the Germans in 1914, Courchinnoux swore vengeance, trimmed his white beard, and resumed his soldiering in the French Army. He was cited twice for bravery and was decorated with the Military Medal.

Two hundred and eighteen persons were killed and 11,756 injured by traffic accidents in Berlin, according to official statistics for 1928. The total number of street accidents during the year rose from 21,927 to 27,601, of which 20.7 per cent. were caused by taxis and 19 per cent. by private cars. The share of bicycles and auto-trucks is 13.6 and 12.4 per cent. respectively. Every Berlin omnibus had three accidents during the past year; street cars were a little safer, showing an average record of two collisions per year. The number of motor vehicles on the roads increased 30 per cent.

Welcoming the New Year with noise and the approval of the authorities of Kienghien, a village near Hanover, so long as the noise is not made with stolen dynamite. Twelve persons living in the village were forcibly impressed with this official point of view when they were arrested and charged with the theft of several sticks of dynamite. Their suspicious aroused by a number of powerful explosions, which seemed altogether too loud to have been made by the fireworks customarily used in celebrating New Year's Eve, the police investigated and found that a "dynamite party" had been held by a group of villagers by way of ushering in the year 1929. The officers quickly obtained the names of most of the guests, whom they rounded up and led off to the lockup.

Rarely does it happen that among the theatrical companies visiting the Colony there is a member who was born in Hong Kong. One of the leading ladies in the Bavard Musical Comedy Company is Miss Josephine Wrenn, known to many residents in her childhood here as Miss Wilkes. This fact lends additional interest to the visit of the Bavard Company, who open their season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, this evening with a revue entitled *Folies Bergere*. Advance reports state that delightful as were both artists and repertoire on the occasion of their former visit, the present combination further upholds Mr. Bavard's high reputation for providing the best of clean and sparkling entertainment with comedy, burlesque, dancing extra-ordinary, and intriguing music, combined with exceptional all-round talent and beauty. Booking is now open at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

The Chinese newspapers of Shanghai are rejoicing over the informal announcement by the Municipal Council of plans to sell the Municipal electricity plant, which furnishes light and power to the International Settlement, and to the Chinese-controlled district of Chungking. Bidders will include two Americans, three British and at least one Chinese group of interests. The value of the equipment alone is estimated at Shanghai Tael \$5,000,000. The proposal to sell the electricity works will be placed before ratepayers at the annual meeting in March. The Chinese papers point out that the announcement "tells the doom of the International Settlement." They see in the move a desire to "cash in" while the power to do so remains in the hands of the foreigner who controls this special area. It shows, they claim, the restoration of the International Settlement, now a mere slogan in the propaganda activities of the Chinese, will soon be a fact.

A Chinese World Tour.

In view of the presence in Hong Kong of two great world-tour liners, it is interesting to learn that the Chinese World Tour Co., Ltd., Exchange Building, has definitely decided to arrange a world tour, starting from Hong Kong about the end of May. The company has made arrangements with the Dollar Steamship Line and Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, Ltd., and the party will sail on one of the Dollar "Round-the-World" liners. On arriving at the various ports, the party will be taken shore under the guidance of Messrs. Thomas Cook. The tour will take about 130 days, and we understand the cost of the tour will be about \$8,000. Already some 30 Chinese from Canton, Shanghai, and Singapore have made reservations. The itinerary drawn up by Messrs. Thomas Cook is specially prepared for Chinese passengers. Extended calls will be made at various places considered to be of special interest to Chinese, and include a trip across the American continent, visiting the large cities en route. Negotiations are in progress with Messrs. Thomas Cook to charter a 20,000-ton vessel for the world tour commencing early in 1930. As soon as the tourist agency can secure a vessel to meet requirements, reservations will be made. Already about forty names have been provisionally booked.

An Unpaid Bonus.

From the judgment given in the Summary Court yesterday, it seems that when a bonus is given to the master of a ship for distribution among himself and the other officers, it rests solely with the master whether an officer gets a share or not. The plaintiff in this case claimed 87s as his share of a bonus of \$300 from the charterers to the officers. The ship appears not to have been a happy one, the master not being on speaking terms with the chief engineer, though this fact has no bearing upon the judgment. The method of distributing bonus, said the learned judge, was not governed either by general custom or special direction. Plaintiff was unable to show that any part of the bonus was received on his account by the master, nor that any contract existed between himself and the master regarding any part of such bonus. Moreover, the Merchant Shipping Act provides that a receipt for wages has been properly signed in approved form, such receipt operates as a mutual discharge of all demands. Further, the term "wages" is held to include emoluments and bonus, consequently the Judge ruled that plaintiff had no claim on the master. It appears, then, that unless it is expressly stipulated, when a bonus is given to the master for distribution, that the various officers shall get certain specified shares, no claim can be made for bonus in the event of such payment being withheld. Further, once the receipt for wages has been completed, no claim can be recognized, since signature and attestation by the superintendent is held to settle all demands by either party.

The King And "Old Kate."

Old Kate, the race-card seller, long a famous London character, became known to everyone when it was reported that the King, in the early stage of his illness, had commanded "a nice letter" to be written to her to thank her for her inquiries at Buckingham Palace. The appearance of this queer little person in a shawl and black Victorian bonnet—a figure out of a Belcher drawing—behind the grand stand when Derby Day is as much a part of the ritual as the attendance there of Lord Londale, complete with button-hole and long cigar. The police invariably make way for Old Kate when she advances, as by prescriptive right, to sell the King his race card. There was concern far beyond the limits of the racing community when it became known that Old Kate had collapsed on the platform of London Bridge Station last month in the act of taking her fare for Lingfield races. It was in keeping with her indomitable character—and also with the fact that she was a London poor—that she should be refused to allow herself to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance. Only when someone invented the soothing lie that racing was off for the day would she consent to go in a cab home to the East End, where she received with some sharpness the inquiries of the reporters. Her age is unknown, but according to the computation of admirers she is not far short of ninety, and it is certain that she has been selling cards on all the racetracks within easy reach of London for sixty years. Old Kate is a survivor from the vanished age of picturesque racing; the age of Fritz's picture, whose traces lingered at Epsom until the triumph of the motor, with the inevitable elimination of most of the old free humours of the course. The "Tote" threatens to abolish what is left of the queer mixed personality of the turf. Old Kate, with her nodding bonnet and free partee for the friendly police, lingers on into the mechanical age, privileged to sell cards to the King and give him her special tip for the big race. Some years ago the King sent a contribution to a fund which was raised to support her when she was incapacitated from her daily trip to the races by a broken leg.

JAPAN AND CHINA
AT VARIANCE.NEGOTIATIONS ON TSINAN
INCIDENT.TERMS OF SUGGESTED
AGREEMENTS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 15th.

The full contents of the draft agreements proposed by Dr. C. T. Wang and Mr. Yoshizawa have been officially issued.

The Japanese draft agreement contains four articles:—

(1) The Chinese Government should apologise for the loss of Japanese lives in the Tsinan incident.

(2) The Chinese Government should voluntarily dismiss General Ho Yu Cho and the subordinate military officers who were in part responsible for the incident.

(3) Both Japanese and Chinese Governments should express their regrets for the incident and, as both sides have suffered loss of lives and property, compensation be eliminated.

(4) The Chinese Government should issue an assurance that full protection of Japanese life and property in Shanghai will be guaranteed after the Japanese evacuation of the province, and that the anti-Japanese movement throughout China will be suppressed.

China's Suggestions.

The Chinese draft agreement proposes that:—

(1) The Japanese Government should tender its apologies to the Chinese Government.

(2) The Japanese Government should punish General Fukuda.

(3) The Japanese Government should pay a reasonable compensation to China for loss of lives and property in consequence of the incident.

As there is at present a wide difference of opinion, no immediate agreement is possible. Dr. Wang will however have another conversation with Mr. Yoshizawa next Monday in an attempt to reach a compromise.

DR. C. T. WANG'S POLICY
CRITICISED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 14th.

The Daily Telegraph to-day devotes its leader to the report that Dr. C. T. Wang proposes to open negotiations for the retrocession of the Legation Quarter at Peking, and says that it is unappreciated characteristic of the diplomacy which Dr. Wang at present directs, which seems to go out of its way, and even to defeat its own objects, to assert a position which the world knows to be a fiction.

For example, the journal goes on, nothing is more evidently of vital interest to China than the establishment of good relations with Japan.

Yet the Tsinan negotiations have broken down precisely upon the point of the National Government's refusal to admit that the Japanese residents in Shanghai are not absolutely protected by its sole guarantee of their security.

KUOMINTANG DELEGATES.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.

A number of resolutions were passed at yesterday's meeting of the Nanking State Council, mostly in connection with preparations for the Third Kuomintang National Delegate Conference. One resolution lays down that each of the special Kuomintang branches, which have recently been established, should hold an election among its members for two candidates, one of whom will be selected by the Central Kuomintang as delegate to the Conference.

In Kwangtung.

It has been decided to appoint Messrs. Chen Chai Tong, Li Wen Fan, Cheng Ming Shu, Lin Wen Koi, Hsu Ching Tung, Feng Chak Wen, Ma Hung Fuen, Chu Cha Wah and Huang Kwei Luk as executive members of the Kwangtung Provincial Kuomintang. New appointments for the Canton City Kuomintang have also been made.

FOREIGNERS SAFE
AT TENGCHOW.WOMEN EVACUATED FROM
HWANGHSIEN.TROOPS APPROACHING
CHEFOO.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CHEFOO, Feb. 15th.

Communications between Hwanghsien and Tengchow are severed but it is reliably stated that the situation there is quiet, as the opposing troops have already passed en route for Chefoo.

Missionary women have been evacuated from Hwanghsien but the men are remaining. Men and women are still at Tengchowfu, and the United States Consul reports that they are safe.

12 Miles From Chefoo.

A Japanese wireless message confirms the report of the safety of foreigners at Hwanghsien and Tengchowfu. Both cities are quiet.

Liu Chen Nien is still maintaining his line on the Freshwater River, but is moving large quantities of ordnance to Muping. Shin Shu Chen's forces are estimated to be twelve miles west of Chefoo, but no fighting is yet reported.

No Developments.

Naval wireless messages from Chefoo state that the report to the effect that the Third Division has turned against General Liu Chen Nien is incorrect. The Third Division is now at Fushan, while the Second Division has arrived at Chefoo.

The situation is not expected to develop before Sunday or Monday. Arrangements for the concentration of foreigners, should the need arise, have been completed.

BRITISH BATTALIONS IN
CHINA.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 14th.

Advices have been received in London to the effect that the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards, which left Shanghai last month in the s.s. City of Marseilles, have just passed Aden.

They are due at Southampton on February 27th.

The revised distribution of the British battalions in China and Hong Kong, according to present War Office plans, provides for a garrison of seven, namely, two battalions at Shanghai, two at Tientsin and three at Hong Kong.

The Second Wiltshires will join the First Norfolks in Shanghai about end of the February.

The First Bedford and Hertfords will leave Hong Kong, on that date and the Queens will leave on March 2nd, leaving a garrison at Hong Kong, the 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers, the 1st Battalion Somerset, and one Indian battalion.

The Tientsin garrison will remain as now, consisting of the 2nd Battalion Border Regiment and the 2nd Battalion Royal Scots.

TO RECEIVE DUKE OF
GLOUCESTER.COMMITTEE HEADED BY
PRINCE CHICHIBU.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TOKYO, Feb. 15th.

The reception committee of the Garter mission has been officially appointed. It will be headed by Prince Chichibu and includes Baron Hayashi, Viscount Keimin, Mr. Matsudaira, Mr. Iyemasa, Mr. Tokugawa, who is shortly returning from Sydney, Major-General Haruhiko Ninomiya and Rear-Admiral Ominato.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL
VESSELS.

The transport Dorsetshire left Singapore for Hong Kong at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14th, and is due to arrive here at 4 p.m. on Feb. 16th. All passengers and troops from the Dorsetshire are now on board the Dorsetshire.

H.M.S. Dartmouth left Portsmouth on Feb. 14th for Gibraltar en route to China. She is due to arrive in Hong Kong on April 8th.

H.M.S. Sirdar arrived at Wuhu on Feb. 14th.

H.M.S. Sepoy sails for Shanghai on Saturday, Feb. 16th, on which date H.M.S. Cornflower sails for Shanghai and Weihaiwei.

THE DISARMAMENT
PROBLEM.NEW PROPOSALS FROM
LONDON.

WASHINGTON INTERESTED.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15th.

Official circles are most interested in the reports from London that the British Government may soon make proposals for a new approach to the settlement of the disarmament problem. Such a move on the part of the British Government is not altogether unexpected in Washington, and it is suggested in some quarters that the Naval Limitation Conference, which will meet in August 1931 in accordance with the Washington Treaty, might be summoned earlier if the other Governments concerned so desired.

BRITAIN'S CRUISER
PROGRAMME.

LONDON, Feb. 14th.

A number of questions were asked in the House of Commons to-day relative to the disclosure that the new cruisers to be laid down in British yards this year will not be 8,000-tonners as originally contemplated but will be 10,000-tonners each.

The matter was referred to by the First Lord of the Admiralty a few days ago, when he announced that, contrary to a report that the cruisers were to be abandoned, arrangements were being made for their construction.

Lieut.-Col. Headlam, replying to questions, pointed out that two cruisers were dropped from the 1927 programme and one from the 1928 programme, but last year, when it became clear that an agreement upon a maximum of thirteen 10,000-ton cruisers could not be obtained with other Powers, the Admiralty decided to proceed with a 10,000-ton ship deferred from 1927 and a 10,000-ton ship deferred from 1928.

The Admiralty were, therefore, cutting out the two 8,000-ton ships in that programme and deferring the commencement of these ships till the end of the financial year.

AMERICA IMPATIENT FOR
CRUISERS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14th.

President Coolidge has sent to Congress a recommendation for the appropriation of \$812,370,000 to begin the construction of the 10,000-ton cruisers authorised by the Naval Bill, which he signed at White House yesterday.

The sum mentioned is little more than half the amount that had been proposed by the Navy Department.

If the recommendation meets with the approval of Congress, these funds will be available during the next fiscal year beginning on July 1st, 1929.

Delay Opposed.

In spite of the recommendation of President Coolidge, it is learned that the Naval Appropriations Committee of the Senate is far from willing to wait even until July of this year.

The Committee has already passed a resolution, it is stated, providing for funds to enable the construction of the warships authorised to be started immediately.

Five of the new cruisers are to be laid down before July this year, and five more before July, 1930. This is in accordance with the time clause against which President Coolidge protested.

BY-ELECTION AT
WANSBECK.

LABOUR RETAIN SEAT.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 14th.

The by-election at Wansbeck, which was caused by the death of the Labour member, Mr. C. H. Warr, resulted as follows:—

Mr. Shield (Lab.) 20,328
Mr. M. Pender (Cons.) 9,812
Mr. H. A. Briggs (Lib.) 5,183

Labour majority 15,788

At the last General Election, there was a straight fight between Mr. Warr and Mrs. H. Middleton (Conservative), the former polling 21,149 and the latter 18,874.

GOOD NEWS OF THE
KING.

BEGINS TO SMOKE AGAIN.

PRINCE OF WALES' VISIT.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 15th.

The Duke of York's private secretary announced at a luncheon in London that the King has begun to smoke again and is now able to cut up his own food.

His Majesty passed a good night, and his condition is satisfactory. It was again very cold at Bognor, and during the night 30 degrees of frost were recorded in the grounds of Craigwell House.

The Prince of Wales, who paid a flying visit to Paris yesterday, returned to-day via Southampton and drove from there to Craigwell House to see the King.

Sitting At the Window.

It was officially stated at Craigwell House, Bognor, on Thursday evening that the King has had a fair day.

Although the weather remained cold, there were several hours of sunshine at Bognor and for the first time since his arrival there the King sat in a chair at the open windows of his bedroom.

The Queen in the afternoon drove to Goodwood Park and walked in the woods.

EXPERIMENTS WITH
WORKERS.COLOURED LIGHTS AND
PRODUCTIVITY.

BRIGHTNESS AND WARMTH.

Berlin, February 12th (United Press).—Potential productivity, both as to quality and quantity, of factory and other employees who work under artificial light is directly influenced by the strength and in some instances by the colour of the light. W. Ruffer, psychotechnical engineer of Berlin, has demonstrated in a series of experiments just completed.

His tests were conducted in a Berlin factory employing ten women, whom he spent weeks in observing as they worked under lights of varying strength. Their reaction to the different degrees of lighting, measured in terms of accuracy, production speed, attentiveness and the effects on their eyesight, was noted and compared with results obtained in earlier tests.

From these observations, Ruffer concluded that the output per hour of a person doing the roughest kind of work was 93 per cent. of maximum capacity when he worked under a light equal in strength to one Lux (measurement of candle-power). Using the same performance basis, he found that a person doing somewhat finer work needed ten Lux, one employed at very fine tasks required 20, and a person whose performance depended almost entirely on visual accuracy would have to have light of 1,000 Lux strength.

Yellow Most Effective.

Ruffer's experiments showed that the use of 4,000 to 5,000 Lux does not produce fatigue any quicker than does lighting of 100 Lux strength, while performance is increased under the stronger lights.

At the same time, ventilation is most important. Brighter lights, particularly when used, will make a room warmer than usual, and this increase in temperature may be expected to have an adverse effect on the quality of performance.

Therefore ventilation of a working room must be regulated so as to keep the temperature at a normal level, if the best results from the change in lighting are to be obtained, Ruffer warned.

Colour does not have such an important bearing on labour performance as does the strength of light, it was found after other experiments in which he used blue, green, yellow, red and daylight in conjunction with lighting from three to 100 Lux in strength.

The results of these tests showed that to all practical purposes there is no direct relation between performance and the colour of the light in rooms which are generally lighted. In dark rooms, where individual lights are used for each worker, yellow is the most effective colour, followed by green, red, daylight and blue. Where individual lights are used together with general lighting, the physiological benefits are overshadowed by the psychological effects.

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SCHNEIDER TROPHY
PREPARATIONS.LINERS AS FLOATING
GRANDSTANDS.MILLION SPECTATORS
EXPECTED.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 15th.

A statement issued by the Royal Aero Club of the general arrangements for the Schneider Trophy race over the Solent next September indicates that the co-operation of the Air Ministry, the Admiralty, the Southampton Harbour Board, the Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, the big shipping companies using Southampton and every town and seaside resort on the shores of the Solent will be forthcoming to ensure that the race is flown without hitch, and that the crowds are controlled, transported and fed.

Britain holds the trophy as the result of her victory at Venice last year, and the British and foreign Air Ministers and Government officials from abroad will be present while the Air Minister will house all the competitors and machines at the Calshot seaplane station.

It is estimated that the cost to the Royal Aero Club of organisation of the race will be between £15,000 and £20,000, and Sir Charles Wakefield has given £5,000 towards that expense. Over 1,000,000 people are expected to be around the course. In order to accommodate some of the immense crowd it is proposed to anchor big liners in Southampton Water and the Solent to act as floating grandstands.

SALVATION ARMY
REFORMS.AUTOCRACY IN MATTERS
SPIRITUAL.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 15th.

It is understood that General Higgins, the new leader of the Salvation Army, is consulting with the principal officers with a view to making such reforms in the constitution of the Army as will obviate what has been described as the autocracy of its command. At the same time the new General has made it clear that he regards himself as an autocrat in all matters spiritual.

EMPLOYERS AND THE
T.U.C.INVITATION TO BE
ACCEPTED.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 15th.

In labour circles although regret is expressed at the rejection by the employers' organisations of the Mond-Turner report, it is believed that the Council of the Trades Union Congress will without hesitation accept the invitation extended for a joint conference.

LADY HAYES MARRIOTT
ILL.RECENT RETIREMENT FROM
MALAYA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 14th.

Lady Hayes Marriott is lying dangerously ill with pneumonia, and is unable to reply to the many sympathisers on her husband's death.

Sir Hayes Marriott, who retired from the Malayan Civil Service at the end of 1923, died in England only a few days ago.

DEATH OF BISHOP OF
LEWES.

A SHORT ILLNESS.

The death is announced of the Bishop of Lewes, the Right Reverend William Champion Streetfield, after a very short illness. Until his consecration only a fortnight ago, the late Bishop had been since 1911 Vicar of Eastbourne and Rural Dean, and Prebendary and Canon of Chichester.

In his younger days he was a great cross-country runner, being Secretary of the Cambridge University Harrow and Hounds in 1885 and running against Oxford in that year.

Generally, however, it was found that the reaction of the workers to the different colours depended more or less on the temperament of the individual worker.

Recently 93 large industrial plants in Chicago improved their lighting systems at an average cost of five per cent. of the payroll with the result that their production was increased by 15 per cent.

It seems only logical to expect that brighter lighting would improve labour performance inasmuch as man has been working for thousands of years under daylight, which has a strength of from 8,000 to 10,000 Lux.

LIKE A POLAR
SUMMER!CONTINUED FROSTS IN
EUROPE.

THAMES FREEZING OVER.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Feb. 15th.

The severe frost, which has now prevailed for 180 hours, shows every sign of persisting. In London this morning the screen temperature showing 9 degrees of frost was the same as yesterday at the corresponding hour, but during the night it was slightly colder in London than on the preceding night. An exposed thermometer registered 23 degrees of frost.

Ice gained on the Thames during the night. The river was frozen over at places below Windsor and, although no ice that could impede navigation was seen below Walton yesterday, ice blocks of a considerable size were to be seen floating in the river just above the tidal waters at Richmond to-day. Reports state that at certain places along the river some 23 English and Scottish rivers are now coated with ice. These include the upper reaches of the Severn and the swift running Spey river.

Skating Champion.

Skating is now general throughout the country and yesterday the professional skating championship was held at Lingay Fen, near Cambridge, in the presence of 5,000 spectators. Donald Pearson won, covering the one and a half miles course in five minutes. The last professional championship was held seventeen years ago.

A ground temperature of seven degrees above zero Fahrenheit or twenty-five degrees of frost was registered at Greenwich Observatory on Thursday morning.

This equals the lowest point ever recorded there, the last occasion being the great frost of February, 1895, when the river Thames was last blocked with ice.

Thames Blocked With Ice.

It seems likely that the Thames will shortly be in the same condition as it was thirty-four years ago.

The upper reaches are frozen as far as Windsor and ice already stretches from bank to bank in some places. Launches, barges and locks are completely frozen up.

One extraordinary result of the freezing of the higher reaches of the river is that very little water is flowing down to London. At Richmond, the water is so low that one could paddle across!

If the stream stopped running, said a Thames Conservancy official to-day, the danger of a completely frozen river would become much greater. Extraordinary precautions are being taken by the Thames Conservancy to keep the river free from ice. Every available man is engaged in breaking up the ice and ice-breakers are busy.

At many points big blocks of ice have formed across the river. These float down the river, get jammed at various points, and then freeze together.

Above Illey Lock, at Oxford, and above Reading Bridge, the Thames is already blocked with ice in this way, while at Henley the river has frozen right across at two points.

Scotch Express Delayed.

The severity of the weather is illustrated by what happened to the night Scotch express from London which arrived at Glasgow two hours behind scheduled time. Near Ben-buick Summit, the big engine came to an abrupt standstill and when the driver dismounted he was startled to find the water gauge frozen.

Two relief engines were despatched to the scene and were attached to the front and rear of the train respectively. They commenced to take the express up the Summit but halfway up the leading locomotive stopped as the result of the steam ejector becoming frozen. Another engine had to be requisitioned.

Baltic Perils.

German aeroplanes are now engaged in reconnoitring the Langelandsbelt in the Baltic, and already they have dropped large quantities of food supplies on the decks of the numerous ice-bound vessels, whose crews have signalled that they are in acute distress.

All water traffic has ceased along the Danube owing to the frost, while the River Save is similarly affected.

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Telegrams in Brief.

At Thursday's meeting of the Expert Committee on Reparations in Paris, Herr Melchior, the German expert, spoke at length on Germany's financial position and on her taxation.

As the result of experiments on insulin, a starchlike substance that is found in dahlias, chicory, artichokes, and other plants, scientists working under the Department of Commerce have discovered a new kind of sugar, which has been called diffructose anhydride.

Viscount Wolmer, the Assistant Postmaster General, announced in the House of Commons that a proposal was under consideration to mark the inauguration of the air service to India by the issue of special stamps of a special air mail envelope.

During the period from April 1st to December 31st last, the gross receipts from the Post Office Imperial beam wireless service were estimated at about \$358,000. The credit balance in respect of the same period, before charging depreciation or interest on capital, was estimated at about \$163,000.

The Commerce Committee of the Senate has announced its approval of the sale of thirteen vessels at present operating under the control of the United States Shipping Board.

Forty-three more persons were evacuated on Thursday from Kabul to Peshawar in four Victoria aeroplanes. They included British, Indian, Germans, Turks and Persians.

BIRKENHEAD'S NEW POST.

CHAIRMAN OF BIG TRUST
COMPANY.

AMERICAN CONTROL.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 14th.

The New York Utility and Light Corporation, one of the principal public utility systems in the United States, announces that it has acquired the entire ordinary shares of the Greater London and Counties Trust, Limited, thus indirectly controlling its principal subsidiaries.

These subsidiaries include no fewer than seven important British electric power companies.

By reason of the purchase, the New York company has also acquired a substantial interest in several other British power companies.

Lord Birkenhead stated over the telephone to Reuter that he had accepted the chairmanship of the Greater London and Counties Trust Limited.

In a public statement, Lord Birkenhead says that the organisation with which he has decided to associate himself is British, though associated with the Clarke interests in the United States, and will remain British.

The finance has been found hitherto almost entirely in America, he adds, but the broad policy of the Trust is to obtain money in the cheapest market, and it is within its province to obtain funds in Britain if it is possible to do so more cheaply than elsewhere.

The Adriatic Railway permanent way is submerged in snow, varying between six and twenty-four inches. Violent snow blizzards are raging in the Gulf of Lyons, the storms being so fierce that many vessels have been prevented from making port at Marseilles.

Food Scarcity.

In France generally, conditions are very severe. All outdoor sports on the Riviera have been cancelled, and at Nice and such places the price of foodstuffs has risen by thirty per cent. owing to the difficulty of transport.

The lockgates on the Seine below Paris have been opened to prevent the accumulation of ice-blocks.

Navigation on the Scheldt at Antwerp has been suspended at night-time in consequence of the carrying away of numerous buoys by big ice-floes.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORER'S
VISIT.

The distinguished explorer, Sir Douglas Mawson, has reached London from Adelaide, where he is Professor of geology and meteorology at the University, to discuss a project for a new expedition to the Antarctic which would leave Hobart, Tasmania, at the beginning of the 1929-30 summer. He says that the antarctic summer closely resembles the weather now being experienced in Europe, with the addition of occasional blizzards in which the high winds are more unpleasant than the snow. The proposed expedition would be purely scientific.

Sir Douglas Mawson led the Australian Antarctic expedition of 1911-14 and was also one of Sir Ernest Shackleton's companions in the 1907 Antarctic expedition.

Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations at yesterday's market for rice, sugar and other foodstuffs were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Horse White	\$7.50
Green Horse White	7.45
Hung Fook Sing	7.31
Black Seal Grain	4.57
Hung Kam Au	7.11
Red Pearl White	8.22
Red Seal White	7.99
Red Seal No. 9 Broken	5.47
Black Seal White Bran	3.07
Yan Sau Lin	7.45

Sugar.	Per Picul.
Manila Green	\$6.88
Big coarse powdered	7.55
No. 18 coarse powdered	7.55
No. 20 coarse powdered	7.47
No. 24 coarse powdered	7.33

Miscellaneous.	
Red Melen Seeds	\$29.00
Dairon Bean Oil	18.90
Sanshing Green Beans	8.40

CANTON FOOD MARKET.

Quotations for rice, sugar, flour and oil, at Thursday's Canton market, were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Chai Mui Native	\$11.60
Shak Lung See Mui	10.00
Red Seal No. 3 White	10.08
Blue Seal No. 3 White	9.04
Green Elephant Siam	8.70
Green Star Siam	8.65
Green Bird Siam	8.65
Blue Seal Annan	10.25
Green Lion Annan	10.00
Three Marks	9.75
New Moon	10.00
Red Peach	10.00
Black Dragon	10.90
Blue Anchor	10.80
Green Seal	10.80

Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered	8.30
No. 3 coarse powdered	8.10
No. 20 coarse powdered	8.10
No. 1 Fine Granulated	10.90
No. 1 Granulated	10.30
Wai Chow White	8.60

Flour.	Per Bag.
Man-of-War	\$4.10
Five Swallows	4.41
Dog's Head	4.50
Cabbage	4.40
Cannon	4.70
Sword of Kwantai	4.15
Maize	4.25
Cheung Luck	4.10
Banana	4.05
Silver Seal	4.10

Oil.	Per Picul.
Groundnut	24.80
Panchi	24.10
Ninhaw	24.10
Tianhai	26.70
Dairen	26.70
Kwangsi Wood	23.10
Kwangsi Tea Seed	19.50

CANTON COTTON YARN.

	Per Bale.
No. 42 Fui Hae	\$530
Butterfly	535
Five Sons	550
No. 32 Pine Deer	444
Double House	430
Po Tap	434
Tin Koon	438
No. 20 Good Harvest	309
Ng Fook	298
City of Gold	320
Man Clock	310
Globe	315
Shepherd	300
No. 18 Fui Kwai	289
Globe	291
No. 12 Fui Kwai	271
City of Gold	275
Po Yee	275
No. 10 Lotus Bee	257
City of Gold	254
Sailing Vessel	257
Peacock	257

F.M.S. TIN FIELDS.

Mr. Chew Woon Poh presided at the annual general meeting of Tebak Tin Fields, Ltd., held last week in Singapore.

In proposing the adoption of the report and accounts the chairman said that he was pleased to report that the option granted to Mr. Ishihara, of the Nanyo Kogyo Koshi, to purchase Sungei Timah was exercised in November last. The purchase money had been lodged with their solicitors, and will be paid over to when the transfer has been accepted by the Land Office at Trengganu. "When this money has been paid," said Mr. Chew, "we shall be able to wipe off the debt due to the Tieg Guan Brick and Tile Manufacturing Co., Ltd., together with all interest due thereon."

"The amount receivable by the company for this sale is \$35,000, excluding \$4,000 already received as option deposit. We have now approximately 2,000 acres of mining land, including Ulu Klich block."

"We may possibly be able to sell some of our other areas, but I can say nothing definite at present except that several parties have been making inquiries."

HONG KONG SHARE MARKET.

BETTER TONE ON RE-OPENING.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN & POTTS' WEEKLY REPORT.

HONG KONG, Feb. 15th. Messrs. Benjamin & Potts' weekly share report states:—

The interval which has elapsed since our last circular of the 8th instant has been mostly occupied by the Chinese New Year holidays and business has been practically neglected. The market reopened on Thursday with a slightly better tone, but although there are signs of improvement in prices, the volume of transactions put through has been very small.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks are in demand at \$1.345 and probably a little more would be paid. The latest cable quotation from London is \$1.45 (Middle).

Unions have advanced to \$375, while a few sales occurred below this rate.

Cantons have lapsed to a nominal quotation of \$682.

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Star Ferries are obtainable at \$71, but there are no buyers over \$70.

China Lights are firmer and can be placed in small lots at \$12.

China Sugars closed appreciably higher with buyers at \$1.40.

Green Island Cements (Combined) are a shade easier with business done at \$24.

Dairy Farms are in demand and have advanced to \$212.

Watsons at \$12.80 mark a further rise.

Waterboats have remained steady with transactions reported at \$22.

Rauhs are enquired for at \$24 and Benqueths at \$2.

Ewos after sales at \$1.12 have advanced to a buying rate of \$1.12.

Shanghai Cottons (Old) have buyers at \$1.68.

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Ordinary.

British-American Tob. 28 1/2.

Imp. Tob. G.B. & I. 28 1/2.

Imp. Tob. Canada. 44 3/4.

Imp. Chem. Industries. 44 1/4.

British Match Corp. 31 3/4.

NATIVE BANKS IN SHANGHAI. THEIR FUNCTIONS AND METHODS.

Previous to the introduction of modern banking institutions into this country, all the money transactions, both public and private, were handled by native banks, which, in North China, are known as *piao kao* or *ta tang* and in South China, *tsien cheng*. Though both perform exactly the same functions, the *piao kao* and *tsien cheng* have distinct spheres of business.

The native banks in Shanghai are divided into two groups: members of the Native Bankers' Guild, and non-members. The former are far better financed and have wider business connections than the latter. In the present article, only banks of the former class are dealt with.

An ordinary native bank is, generally, staffed by one manager, a number of clerks or officers and a few apprentices. The manager has the absolute control of the bank and holds himself fully responsible to the proprietors or share-holders. He supervises the staff and directs the business operations in demand at \$1.345 and probably a little more would be paid. The latest cable quotation from London is \$1.45 (Middle).

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BUSINESS TAX IN HANKOW.

REVOLT OF MERCHANTS.

Despite the very rude way in which the deputation of business men who went to Wuhan to protest against the excessive taxation that is being imposed, the Bureau of Finance has evidently realised that the merchant class was reaching the limit of its endurance. According to a correspondent of the *North China Daily News*, the Director of the City Council called a meeting of about 80 leading merchants at his office and gave them a general exhortation to co-operate with the Party in its work.

Some Minor Concessions.

He referred to the difficulties that merchants were facing and announced that the Bureau of Finance had decided to make certain alterations in the rules for the levying of the tax on business. The time for taking out permits to trade would be extended till the end of this month, and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce will be consulted as to the circulation of the banks. The tax itself will be levied from the first of March, and the first payment will be due on April 1st. He promised that as soon as this tax is collected, other taxation will be reduced.

To meet the wishes of the merchants as far as was possible when money is so badly needed, the previous rules would be modified. In the case of retail shops the tax will be on the amount of business transacted, and this amount may be divided between luxuries and necessities. On the former the rate will be 3 or 4 per mille and on the latter 1 or 2 per mille, which is a reduction from the first 5 per mille as first proposed. Banks, shops and manufacturers will pay 1 per mille on their capital instead of 1.5. Hotels and restaurants also obtain relief, dropping from 5 per mille to 3 per mille.

Merchants Far from mollified.

No statement has been issued as to the attitude of the merchants but it is understood that they do not put much faith in the promise to reduce taxation after the business tax is levied. Nor have the practical questions connected with the inspection of account books and so on been solved.

A very serious fresh difficulty has been suggested, for what is to be the method of fixing the tax on a branch of a bank in Hankow if the tax is on the capital employed? How can the City Council decide?

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KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AT SHANGHAI.

An extraordinary general meeting of Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., was held on Thursday last week at the company's Shanghai office, Mr. R. W. Wedderburn being in the chair.

The only business of the meeting was to pass two special resolutions, which follow:—

That the capital of the company be increased \$750,000 by the creation of 41,250 new shares of \$10 each.—Proposed by Mr. Wedderburn, seconded by Mr. Burkill.—Carried unanimously.

That it is desirable to capitalize a sum of \$112,500 being part of the undivided profits of the company standing to the credit of the reserve fund, and accordingly that a special capital bonus of \$112,500 be declared, and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on January 3rd, 1929, were holders of the 33,750 shares of the company in payment in full for 11,250 shares of the company of \$10 each, and that such 11,250 shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one of such shares for every three of the said 33,750 of the said shares then held by such persons respectively; and that the shares so distributed shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the company held by each such shareholder and not as income.—Proposed by Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Waller.—Carried unanimously.

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	CANTON, Feb. 14th.
Water Works	\$3.90
Electric Light & Power Co.	4.80
Canton-Hankow Railways	0.50
The Sun Company	7.65
Singapore Company	10.10
Nanyang Bros. Tob. Co.	4.30
Canton Tramways	2.85
China Merchants S.S. Nav. Company	6.00
Central Bank	4.50

what proportion of the whole capital of a bank is employed in its Hankow branch? Similar questions will of course arise in connection with many businesses, and it is evident that the scheme is still ill-digested.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FEBRUARY 15th, 1929.

B.K. Bonds\$23 buy.
Do\$23 buy.
Chartered Bank\$23 buy.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.\$23 buy.
Do\$23 buy.
P. & O. Bank\$23 buy.
East Asia Bank\$23 buy.
Canton Insurance\$23 buy.
Union Insurance\$23 buy.
North China Ins.\$23 buy.
Yangtze Insurance\$23 buy.
China Underwriters\$23 buy.
China Fire Insurance\$23 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.\$23 buy.
Donghai\$23 buy.
H.K. Steamships\$23 buy.
H.K. Tugs\$23 buy.
Indo-China (Fed.)\$23 buy.
Do (Def.)\$23 buy.
Shall Transport\$23 buy.
Do (new)\$23 buy.
Union Waterworks\$23 buy.
Benguet\$23 buy.
Kailan Mining Admin.\$23 buy.
Lanlan (combined)\$23 buy.
Do (def.)\$23 buy.
Shanghai Loans\$23 buy.
Banhs\$23 buy.
Tromoh Mines\$23 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks\$23 buy.
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Hongkong\$23 buy.
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Oriental Cottons\$23 buy.
Shai Cottons (old)\$23 buy.
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Do (new)\$23 buy.
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Cements (combined)\$23 buy.
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Do (new)\$23 buy.
H.K. Ropes (old)\$23 buy.
Do (new)\$23 buy.

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TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 350 METRES.

1.48 p.m.—Weather report.

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening weather report.

8 p.m.—Evening programme (Columbia records).

10.10 p.m.—News bulletin.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

The evening service at St. John's Cathedral will be broadcast to-morrow, commencing at 5.55 p.m.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rupee, Feb. 14th.

Paris	.....194.93
Brussels	.....34.93
Amsterdam	.....12.12
Berlin	.....20.45
Copenhagen	.....18.20
Vienna	.....34.54
Helsingfors	.....193
Lisbon	.....109
Buenos Aires	.....819
Shanghai	.....1/10 3/33
Yokohama	.....1/10 3/33
New York	.....62.80
Geneva	.....25.23
Milan	.....62.80
Stockholm	.....18.15
Oslo18.15
Prague164
Madrid30.92
Athens375
Rio5 29/33
Bombay1/5 3/33
Hong Kong1/11
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Pres. Wilson ... Sun. Apr. 21, 8 a.m.
Pres. Van Buren ... Sun. May 5, 8 a.m.

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Pres. Jackson ... Feb. 26th, 6 p.m.
Pres. Taft ... Mar. 2nd, 6 p.m.

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NEW SYSTEM OF DIAGNOSIS.

BLOOD ANALYSIS AS CHECK.

GERMAN SCIENTIST'S DISCOVERY.

Much of the guess work in disease and surgical diagnoses as well as in the treatment of disease can be eliminated by employment of a novel blood analysis method, according to Dr. R. B. H. Gradwohl, the noted St. Louis clinician and scientist.

Dr. Gradwohl is in Berlin completing his study of this method, which was evolved by Prof. Victor Schilling, head of the internal medicine department of the University of Berlin. He was assisted by Prof. Schilling in translating into English the latest edition of the latter's most important work, on the subject, and this translation he hopes to have published in the United States within five or six months.

The Schilling method is based on a mathematical analysis of the individual blood cells. Dr. Gradwohl told the United Press. It is used in conjunction with the observation of other symptoms of the patient and is intended to displace the more complicated bacteriological method of disease diagnosis by blood analysis.

Reclassification.

"Prof. Schilling has reclassified the white cells of the blood," Dr. Gradwohl said. "By examining under the microscope the groupings of these rearranged classes in any given case he can tell almost at once whether infection exists and, if so, to what stage or character the infection has attained."

"Thus the physician, by the Schilling method can decide from an examination of the blood, in almost every case and usually without seeing the patient, just what the nature of the illness is. He can also keep a more accurate check on the progress of the disease and can measure, with extraordinary precision, the patient's chances of recovery."

Dr. Gradwohl described the Schilling system as "a vast improvement" over the bacteriological method because it is more reliable and saves much valuable time. In the latter case, days of observation are needed before the desired results are reached; in the former it is only a matter of hours or even minutes before the analysis is completed. The new system also has a great bearing on surgery, the doctor added, pointing out as an example its potential relationship to the ordinary appendicitis operation.

As a rule, he said, the physician or surgeon must depend on superficial symptoms to determine whether an operation is necessary inasmuch as the time in such cases is too short to permit a thorough examination of the patient's blood by the bacteriological method. Under the Schilling method, however, the physician can tell in a few minutes whether there is an infection and whether the infection is such as to make an operation necessary.

Tuberculosis.

Similarly, the St. Louis clinician continued, this method is exceedingly helpful in the treatment of tubercular cases. He explained that a fundamentally different treatment is required when the tuberculosis is "active" from that which is necessary when it is in "a stage of recovery." The Schilling system, he asserted, is the best he has yet found to determine whether a tubercular case is in the "active" or the "recovery" stage.

Although Prof. Schilling published his first book on the subject 17 years ago, Dr. Gradwohl said that the physicians and surgeons of the English-speaking countries were almost totally ignorant of his method. He ascribed this situation to the fact that Americans and Englishmen were no longer reading as much German scientific and technical literature as they did two decades ago, particularly because of the marked improvement in their own medical schools and clinics and partly because German literature was shut out of the United States and England during the war.

Nevertheless, Dr. Gradwohl said, he felt it was still vital to medical progress in these countries that their physicians should keep themselves informed as to the work being done in Germany and elsewhere. It was partly with this in mind that he arranged to translate Prof. Schilling's work.

Silk forwarded from here by Express Co. Asia on January 23rd arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on February 13th having been 21 days in transit.

RUSSIA CONSIDERS PROHIBITION.

FAVOURABLY IMPRESSED WITH U.S.A. RESULTS.

THE CURSE OF VODKA.

Moscow, January 30 (U.P.).

The Anti-Alcohol Society of the Soviet Union is considering sending a commission to the United States to study the results of prohibition there with a view to applying its lessons to the Soviet Union, one of the leaders of the organization, Dr. E. Deutschman, told the United Press.

The Soviet's own experiment with prohibition in the earlier years of the revolution is generally considered to have been a complete failure. Nevertheless, its re-enactment, possibly in a modified form, is not altogether out of question.

Information about the effects of prohibition in America, Dr. Deutschman complained, is confusing and contradictory. Yet the application of total prohibition throughout the United States is too valuable an object lesson to be ignored and the most active "dry" here are anxious to learn all they can from it.

The chief reliance of the Anti-Alcohol Society at the present time is its campaign against Samogon Vodka is propaganda. The Soviet laws, however, have been adjusted to permit the propaganda to find concrete expression in the actual banning of hard liquor wherever possible.

Local Option In Force.

What is known in America as "local option"—self-determination by communities on the question of drink—is in full force here. Under a law enacted in May 1927 any community, large or small, and even single factories, may adopt full or partial prohibition. Already, according to Dr. Deutschman, some factories, entire villages and a few of the northern autonomous minority racial districts have adopted prohibition for themselves. The Shakhly region of the Don Basin, which gained international notoriety last summer as the place where the coal mine sabotage case originated—went "dry" a few months ago.

Upon the request of the Anti-Alcohol Society, the law is being strengthened to make such local action more widespread. At present most meetings of citizens in any community may recommend prohibition, but the local Soviet decides whether or not to introduce it. The new law, to be published soon, makes it obligatory for Soviets to enforce the popular will in this matter.

Anti-Vodka Warnings.

"Instead of imposing prohibition by decree from above," Dr. Deutschman declared, "we hope to have it adopted by the people themselves acting from below. As our propaganda opens people's minds to the dangers of vodka, they can take action to protect themselves and their families against it."

The new law will also make the purchase of liquor more difficult. All restaurants, theatres, public parks, etc., where liquor is now on sale, will be prohibited to trade in it hereafter. The efforts of the Society to prohibit liquor at banquets has failed.

Despite the ample supplies of government-made vodka and despite repressive measures against home brewing, bootleg "samogon" is still being distilled in large quantities by the peasants. It is estimated that last year one million tons of grain were turned into samogon—a serious loss to the Soviet Union in view of the grain shortage.

Samogon costs the peasant about 30 kopeks a bottle when he makes it himself, and 60 kopeks when he buys it from his neighbour. The government vodka costs 1 ruble and 18 kopeks a bottle—twice as much. This, of course, is the obvious explanation for the persistence of samogon. By (Continued on next column).

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by the s.s. Kashgar from Yokohama: Mr. J. Cullen, Mr. E. Hada, Mr. and Mrs. Welbourne and three children, Miss Eriksson, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and three children, Lt. Cdr. Chichester, Mr. T. L. Rasmussen, Mrs. D. Dinsdale and three children, Miss McOwan, Mrs. N. Leslie and two children, Mrs. Hamilton and child, Mr. J. Ashton, Mr. H. Sanders, Mrs. W. Bissett, Mr. and Mrs. Reen, Mr. C. de Lee, Mr. T. O'Brien, Mr. A. Walsh, Mrs. M. Cullen-Ward, Miss W. Barton, Miss J. Walcott, Mr. R. Pascoe, Mr. and Mrs. Homewood, Mr. F. Cavanagh, Miss C. Hopegood, Mr. S. Drevitt, Pte. J. Atkinson, Mr. W. Ball, Mr. C. Goodall, Mr. R. Davidson, Miss A. Greenacre, Miss C. Greenacre, Mr. D. Barst, Mr. C. Falkner, Mr. J. Harder, Mr. H. Umrigar, Mr. G. Wong, Mr. C. Zung, Mr. H. Zur, Mr. C. Crutwell, Mr. E. Motherall, Mr. W. Peach, Mr. H. Hobden, Mr. H. Welman, Mr. C. Cheng, Mr. S. Sheng, Mr. E. Wong, Miss C. Chipp, Mr. T. Hofmann, Mr. N. Woo, Mr. T. Chen, Mr. T. Liu, Mr. T. C. Liu, Dr. D. Von Steiner, Mr. J. T. Cheng.

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cutting down the price of its vodka the government could stop illicit manufacture of samogon. Unfortunately lower prices result in more drinking—while seriously depleting the government finances—and so it is found advisable to increase prices every year, meanwhile seeking other measures for suppressing home-brew.

Dr. Deutschman quoted figures to show that the average Russian drinks less alcohol than citizens of most other countries. A chart based on official statistics for the leading nations of the world showed that, on the basis of per capita consumption of alcohol, Russia is nearly at the end of the list, with France at the very head and Italy, England, Germany close behind.

Drunkness Common.

He admitted, however, that drunkenness is more common here than in most countries. The contradiction he explained chiefly by two circumstances:

1.—The alcohol here takes the form of vodka, a highly intoxicating beverage whereas in most other countries it is swallowed to a larger extent as beer, wine and milder liquors.

2.—In most other countries drinking is an everyday affair and the total consumed on any one day by any one drinker is not excessive. The Russian, on the contrary, drinks on special occasions—holidays, celebrations, pay days. He makes up in one day for a week or two of abstinence by not merely drinking, but actually getting drunk.

As compared to the Russia of pre-war days, drinking at present is certainly lower. In 1913 the annual per capita consumption amounted to 13.2 liters vodka, 11 liters beer and 3.2 liters wine; last year the corresponding figures were 0.2, 4.8 and 0.8 liters. But the tendency in the last few years has been towards increased drinking.

One of the propaganda methods coming into vogue is the staging of children's demonstrations against drinking by their elders. Parades of children are organized throughout the Soviet Union. With banners denouncing alcohol they march to factories and other gathering places of their elders. "Father come home—sober," placards shout. Another is inscribed, "The drunkard is a bad son, a rotten husband and a cruel father!" Often the parades include floats depicting the ravages of vodka.

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TJIKEMBANG	S'WAL & ANOT	28th Feb.	2nd Mar. 4 p.m.	BAJAVIA
TJIKINI	DALRY, K'LVING & ANOT	10th Mar.	15th Mar. 4 p.m.	MANANIR & SOERABAYA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJIKEMBANG	BAJAVIA	16th Feb.	18th Feb.	ANOT & SHANGHAI
TJIMANOEK	JAVA, MANANIR	20th Feb.	23rd Feb.	ANOT & N. CHINA
TJIKARANG	BAJAVIA	27th Feb.	2nd Mar.	ANOT & SHANGHAI
TJISALAK	JAVA, MANANIR	6th Mar.	9th Mar.	ANOT & N. CHINA

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Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10.

AMOEY.

Antung, B. & S., Feb. 17.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Feb. 18.
Sunning, B. & S., Feb. 19.
Taima, B.I., Feb. 23.
Haiching, Douglas, Feb. 19.
Chengtu, B. & S., Feb. 21.
Haining, Douglas, Feb. 22.
Tjimonok, J.C.J.L., Feb. 23.
Anking, B. & S., Feb. 24.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Mar. 2.
Tjimalak, J.C.J.L., Mar. 9.
Santia, B.I., Mar. 15.
Tilawa, B.I., Mar. 23.

ANTWERP.

Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23.
Java, Manners, Mar. 15.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 8.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20.
Tanda, E. & A., Mar. 1.
Calulu, Dodwell's, Mar. 4.
Taiping, B. & S., Mar. 15.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 20.
St. Albans, E. & A., Mar. 30.

BALTI PORTS.

Aida, Melchers, Feb. 20.
Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 23.
Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 7.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9.
Java, Manners, Mar. 15.

BALTIMORE.

Elmbank, Bank, Feb. 27.
City of Guildford, Bank, Mar. 22.

BANGKOK.

Kingyuan, B. & S., Feb. 17.
Kaying, B. & S., Feb. 18.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Feb. 20.

BELAWAN DELI.

Aida, Melchers, Feb. 20.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Feb. 23.

BOSTON.

Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 18.
Calcutta Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19.
Japanese Prince, Furness, Feb. 21.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Elmbank, Bank, Feb. 27.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Mar. 19.
City of Guildford, Bank, Mar. 22.

BOMBAY.

Seiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 24.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 8.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Mar. 23.

BREMER.

Aida, Melchers, Feb. 20.
Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 23.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9.
Roland, Melchers, Mar. 19.

BRINDISI.

Venezia, Dodwell's, Feb. 19.
Timavo, Dodwell's, Feb. 23.
Remo, Dodwell's, Mar. 5.
Piave, Dodwell's, Mar. 23.

CALCUTTA.

Takada, B.I., Feb. 25.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 2.
Namsang, Jardine's, Mar. 5.
Umolosi, Dodwell's, Mar. 5.
Taima, B.I., Mar. 10.
Taima, B.I., Mar. 18.
Hosang, Jardine's, Mar. 16.

CEBU.

Washington, States S.S., Feb. 17th.
Michigan, States S.S., Mar. 3rd.

CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., Feb. 21st.

COLOMBO.

Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 18th.
Venezia, Dodwell's, Feb. 19th.
Sarpedon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23rd.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Compiegne, M.M., Feb. 26.
Seiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 26.
Timavo, Dodwell's, Feb. 26th.
Macedonia, P. & O., Mar. 2nd.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 5.
Umolosi, Dodwell's, Mar. 5.
Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Mar. 6th.
Antenor, B.F., Mar. 7th.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
Havestine, Jansen, Mar. 9th.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
G. Metzinger, M.M., Mar. 12.
Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 18th.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Mirapora, B.F., Mar. 23rd.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 23.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Mar. 26th.

COPENHAGEN.

Java, Manners, Mar. 15.
Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 16.

DALNEY.

Ermland, Jansen, Feb. 23rd.
Goettingen, Melchers, Feb. 23th.

DUTCH PORTS.

Aida, Melchers, Feb. 20th.
Sarpedon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23rd.
Java, Manners, Mar. 15.
Achilles, Blue Funnel, Mar. 6th.
Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Mar. 6th.
Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 16.
City of Peking, Bank, Mar. 8th.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
City of Peking, Bank, Mar. 9th.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Havestine, Jansen, Mar. 9th.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Roland, Melchers, Mar. 19th.
Patroclus, Blue Funnel, Mar. 20th.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 23.

FOOCHOW.

Haiching, Douglas, Feb. 19th.
Haining, Douglas, Feb. 22.

GENOA.

Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20th.
Bellerophon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Havestine, Jansen, Mar. 9th.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
Keemun, Blue Funnel, Mar. 20th.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 23.

GLASGOW.

Sarpedon, Blue Funnel, Feb. 20th.
Bellerophon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Keemun, Blue Funnel, Mar. 20th.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 20th.

GOTHENBURG.

Java, Manners, Mar. 15.
Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 16.

HAIPEONG AND HOIHOW.

Chengtu, B. & S., Feb. 17th.
Chinkiang, B. & S., Feb. 17th.
Hanoi, M.M., Feb. 20th.

HAMBURG.

Aida, Melchers, Feb. 20th.
Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23.
Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 23th.
Achilles, Blue Funnel, Mar. 6th.
Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Mar. 6th.
Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 16.
Havestine, Jansen, Mar. 9th.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
City of Peking, Bank, Mar. 8th.
Java, Manners, Mar. 15.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Roland, Melchers, Mar. 19th.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 23.

HAYE.

Bellerophon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Keemun, B.F., Mar. 20th.

HONOLULU.

Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 18.
Shiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20th.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Feb. 26th.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 8th.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Mar. 12th.

HULL.

Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 18th.
Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 20th.
Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23rd.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 23.

HUNGKOW.

Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 18.
Shiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20th.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Feb. 26th.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 8th.
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Pres. Taft, Dollar, Mar. 12th.

HULL.

Washington, States S.S., Feb. 17th.
Michigan, States S.S., Mar. 3rd.

JAPAN PORTS.

Demodocus, B.F., Feb. 18th.
Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 18.
Australian, Manners, Feb. 17th.
Kangawa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 17.
Khiva, P. & O., Feb. 17.
Namsang, Jardine's, Feb. 17th.
Mirapora, B.F., Feb. 18th.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 18th.
Glenagarry, Jardine's, Feb. 19.
Piave, Dodwell's, Feb. 19th.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Feb. 19th.

JEDDO.

Taima, B.I., Feb. 19th.
Euryades, Blue Funnel, Feb. 20th.
Shiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20th.
Ixion, Blue Funnel, Feb. 21st.
Chilo, Manners, Feb. 23rd.
Ermland, Jansen, Feb. 23rd.
Troilus, Blue Funnel, Feb. 24th.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 24th.
City of Khartoum, Bank, Feb. 25th.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Feb. 26th.

JEDDO.

Kutsang, Jardine's, Feb. 26.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Feb. 26th.
Ermland, Jansen, Feb. 26th.
Goettingen, Melchers, Feb. 26th.
Yimino, Dodwell's, Feb. 26th.
Lerkusan, Jansen, Feb. 28.
Lima Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 29.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 1st.
Venelaus, B.F., Mar. 3rd.
Rosier, Bank, Mar. 3rd.
Nagore, P. & O., Mar. 4th.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Mar. 4th.
St. Albans, E. & A., Mar. 5th.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Mar. 5th.
Gambada, B.I., Mar. 6th.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 6th.
Compiegne, M.M., Mar. 6th.
Seiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 6th.
Timavo, Dodwell's, Feb. 26th.
Macedonia, P. & O., Mar. 2nd.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 5.
Umolosi, Dodwell's, Mar. 5.
Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Mar. 6th.
Antenor, B.F., Mar. 7th.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
Havestine, Jansen, Mar. 9th.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
G. Metzinger, M.M., Mar. 12.
Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 18th.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Mirapora, B.F., Mar. 23rd.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 23.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Mar. 26th.

JEDDO.

Washington, States S.S., Feb. 17th.
Michigan, States S.S., Mar. 3rd.

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Washington, States S.S., Feb. 17th.
Michigan, States S.S., Mar. 3rd.

MANILA.

Washington, States S.S., Feb. 17.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Feb. 19.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20th.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Feb. 23rd.
Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Calulu, Dodwell's, Feb. 25th.
Tjileboet, J.C.J.L., Feb. 25.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Feb. 26.
Tanda, E. & A., Mar. 1st.
Michigan, States, Mar. 3rd.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Mar. 5.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Mar. 5th.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
Havestine, Jansen, Mar. 9th.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10.
Tjilini, J.C.J.L., Mar. 10.
Taiping, B. & S., Mar. 15th.
City of Guildford, Bank, Mar. 22.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 23.

MARSEILLES.

Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 18th.
Aida, Melchers, Feb. 20th.
Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20th.
Sarpedon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23rd.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Mar. 26th.
Compiegne, M.M., Feb. 26.
Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 23th.
Macedonia, P. & O., Mar. 2nd.
Achilles, B.F., Mar. 3th.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Havestine, Jansen, Mar. 9th.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
G. Metzinger, M.M., Mar. 12.
Java, Manners, Mar. 15.
Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 20th.
Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23rd.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 23.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Mar. 26.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30th.

NAPLES.

Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Macedonia, P. & O., Mar. 2nd.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Calcutta Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19th.
Japanese Prince, Furness, Feb. 21.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Elmbank, Bank, Feb. 27.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Mar. 19.
City of Guildford, Bank, Mar. 22.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10.

NORTH CHINA.

Demodocus, B.F., Feb. 18th.
Tjimonok, J.C.J.L., Feb. 23rd.
Goettingen, Melchers, Feb. 23.

ORAN.

Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 23th.
Roland, Melchers, Mar. 19th.

OSLO.

Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 16.

PAKHOL.

Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 18.
Calcutta Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 19th.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.

PENANG.

Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 18th.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23rd.
Seiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 26.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Takada, B.I., Feb. 25.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Feb. 25.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 2.
Macedonia, P. & O., Mar. 2nd.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 5.
Namsang, Jardine's, Mar. 5.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
Taima, B.I., Mar. 10.
Taima, B.I., Mar. 18.
Java, Manners, Mar. 15.
Hosang, Jardine's, Mar. 16.
Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.

PLYMOUTH.

Macedonia, P. & O., Mar. 2nd.

PORTLAND.

Kentucky, States S.S., Mar. 2nd.
Washington, States S.S., Mar. 16.
Iowa, States S.S., Feb. 22nd.

RABAT.

Bremhaven, Melchers, Feb. 20.
Calulu, Dodwell's, Mar. 4.

RANGOON.

Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 2.

SAIGON.

Compiegne, M.M., Feb. 26.
G. Metzinger, M.M., Mar. 12.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Mar. 26th.

SANDAKAN.

Hinsang, Jardine's, Feb. 20.
Tanda, E. & A., Mar. 1st.
Calulu, Dodwell's, Mar. 4.
Mausang, Jardine's, Mar. 9.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 18.
Shiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20th.
Iowa, States S.S., Feb. 22nd.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Feb. 26th.
Kentucky, States S.S., Mar. 2nd.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 6th.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Mar. 12th.
Washington, States S.S., Mar. 18.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 7th.
Java, Manners, Mar. 15.

SEATTLE.

Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Feb. 19th.
Ixiol, B.F., Feb. 21st.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Mar. 5th.
Tyndarus, B.F., Mar. 14.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Mar. 20.

SHANGHAI.

Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 18.
Demodocus, B.F., Feb. 18th.
Australian, Manners, Feb. 17th.
Fooking, Jardine's, Feb. 17th.
Kangawa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 17th.
Khiva, P. & O., Feb. 17th.
Soochow, B. & S., Feb. 17th.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 18th.
Mirapora, B.F., Feb. 18th.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Feb. 18th.
Australia, Manners, Feb. 19.
Glenagarry, Jardine's, Feb. 19.
Sunning, B. & S., Feb. 19.
Taima, B.I., Feb. 19th.
Chille, Dodwell's, Feb. 19th.
Euryades, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Hosang, Jardine's, Feb. 20th.
Shiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 20th.
Hupai, B. & S., Feb. 20th.
Euryades, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Chengtu, B. & S., Feb. 21.
Chenan, B. & S., Feb. 21.
Chille, Manners, Feb. 21.
Ermland, Jansen, Feb. 23rd.
Anking, B. & S., Feb. 23rd.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 24.
Troilus, B.F., Feb. 24th.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Feb. 24th.
City of Khartoum, Bank, Feb. 25th.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Feb. 26th.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Feb. 26th.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Feb. 26th.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
Havestine, Jansen, Mar. 9th.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
G. Metzinger, M.M., Mar. 12.
Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 18th.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Mirapora, B.F., Mar. 23rd.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 23.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Mar. 26th.

SHANGHAI.

Emp. of Australia, C.P.S., Feb. 18.
Demodocus, B.F., Feb. 18th.
Australian, Manners, Feb. 17th.
Fooking, Jardine's, Feb. 17th.
Kangawa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 17th.
Khiva, P. & O., Feb. 17th.
Soochow, B. & S., Feb. 17th.
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Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 24.
Troilus, B.F., Feb. 24th.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Feb. 24th.
City of Khartoum, Bank, Feb. 25th.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Feb. 26th.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Feb. 26th.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Feb. 26th.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9th.
Havestine, Jansen, Mar. 9th.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
G. Metzinger, M.M., Mar. 12.
Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
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Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 18th.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Mirapora, B.F., Mar. 23rd.
Ermland, Jansen, Mar. 23.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Mar. 26th.

SINGAPORE.

Kashgar, P. & O., Feb. 18th.
Antung, B. & S., Feb. 17th.
Kingyuan, B. & S., Feb. 17.
Kasado Maru, O.S.K., Feb. 18th.
Venezia, Dodwell's, Feb. 19th.
Aida, Melchers, Feb. 20th.
Sarpedon, B.F., Feb. 20th.
Havelland, Jansen, Feb. 23rd.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 23rd.
Anking, B. & S., Feb. 24.
Ruth Alexander, Dollar, Feb. 24.
Takada, B.I., Feb. 25.
Seiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 26.
Compiegne, M.M., Feb. 26.
Timavo, Dodwell's, Feb. 26th.
Lahn, Melchers, Feb. 26th.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Feb. 26.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 2.
Macedonia, P. & O., Mar. 2nd.
Namsang, Jardine's, Mar.

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW" On 17th Feb.	8 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHINKIANG" On 17th Feb.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG" On 17th Feb.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN" On 18th Feb.	Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING" On 18th Feb.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNWING" On 19th Feb.	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPH" On 20th Feb.	3 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KIUNGCHOW" On 20th Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"CHENG" On 21st Feb.	8 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"CHENG" On 21st Feb.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG" On 24th Feb.	Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW" On 24th Feb.	Noon
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CHENONCEAUX ... 23rd Apr.	D'ARTAGNAN ... 23rd Apr.
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	Inches	Millibars	Inches	Millibars	Inches	Millibars	Inches	Millibars	Inches	Millibars	Inches	Millibars
Wladivostok	30.17	766.4	16	30.26	768.6	6
Nemuro	30.23	767.5	30.28	769.0
Hokodate	30.30	769.5	30.34	770.5
Tokio	30.32	770.5	30.36	771.5
Kobe	30.34	771.5	30.38	772.5
Nagasaki	30.36	772.5	30.40	773.5
Kagoshima	30.38	773.5	30.42	774.5
Oshima	30.40	774.5	30.44	775.5
Naha	30.42	775.5	30.46	776.5
Ishigakijima	30.44	776.5	30.48	777.5
Bonin Island	30.46	777.5	30.50	778.5
Chesoo	30.48	778.5	30.52	779.5
Shanghai	30.50	779.5	30.54	780.5
Gutzlaff	30.52	780.5	30.56	781.5
Sharp Peak	30.54	781.5	30.58	782.5
Amoy	30.56	782.5	30.60	783.5
Swatow	30.58	783.5	30.62	784.5
Taihou	30.60	784.5	30.64	785.5
Taihu	30.62	785.5	30.66	786.5
Tainan	30.64	786.5	30.68	787.5
Koshu	30.66	787.5	30.70	788.5
Pescadore	30.68	788.5	30.72	789.5
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February 15d. 10h. 55m.—The Chinese anticyclone is now central near Shanghai.
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 Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.96 inches, against an average of 2.29 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON THE 16th.

DISTRICT.

FORECAST.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, strong.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocka ... N.E. winds, fresh; overcast.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ... N.E. winds, fresh; overcast.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ... N.E. winds, strong.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Feb. 15th.

Day	at 3 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 9 p.m.
Barometer	30.09	30.18	30.14
Temperature	65	58	61
Humidity	52	53	56
Wind	NNE	East	ESE
Direction	NNE	East	ESE
Force	2	4	2
Weather	O	D	B
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 14th: 66

Lowest open-air Temperature, 15th: 56

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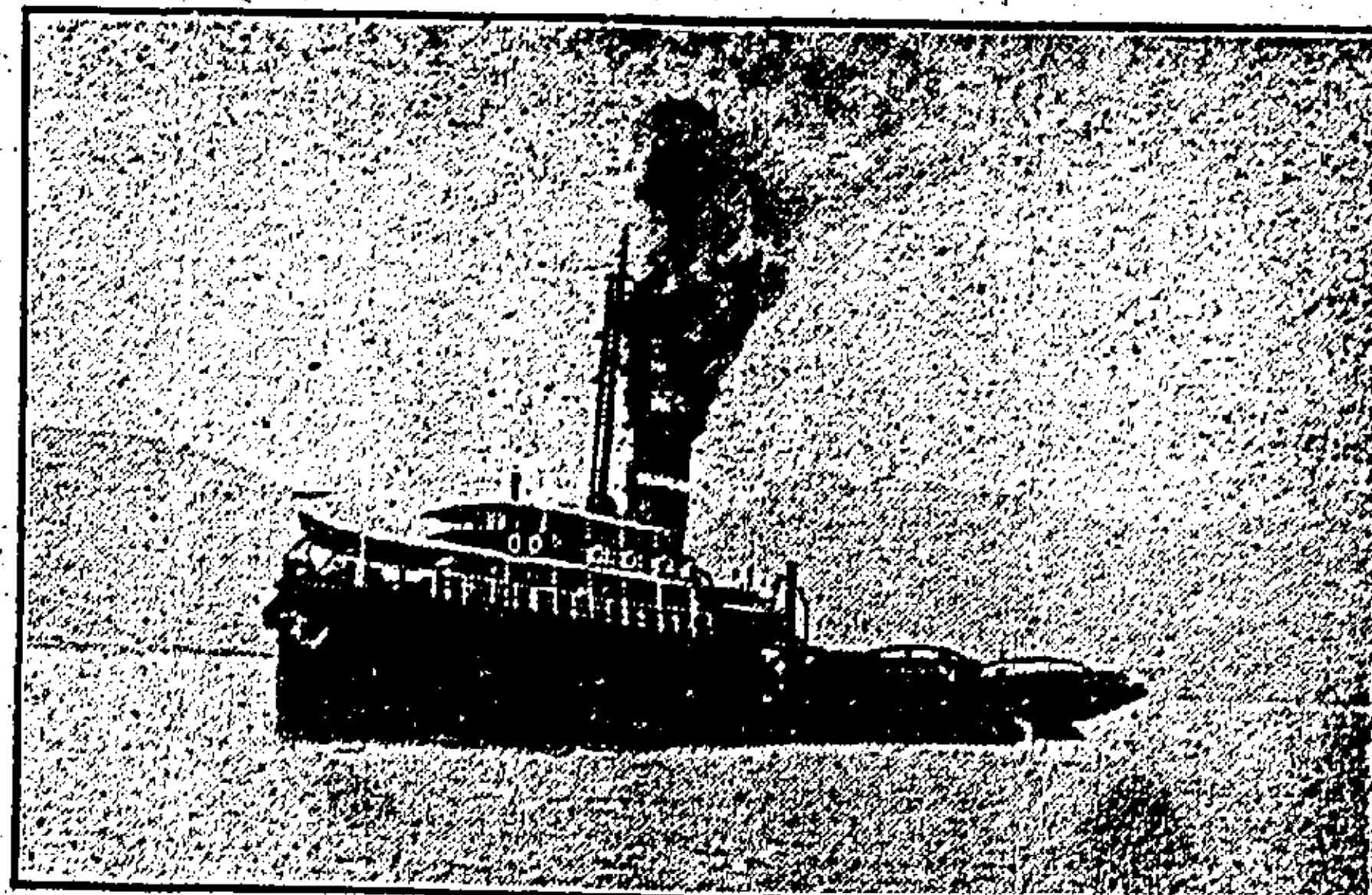
High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week	Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	16	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Sun.	17	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Mon.	18	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Tues.	19	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Wed.	20	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Thur.	21	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Fri.	22	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.

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KOBE via MOJI	"NAMSANG"	Sun., 17th Feb., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via SHANGHAI MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"KUTSANG"	Tues., 19th Feb., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALOUTTA	"NAMSANG" ... "HOSANG"	Tues., 19th Feb., at 3 p.m. Sat., 23rd Feb., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG" ... "MAUSANG"	Wed., 20th Feb., at 10 a.m. Sat., 23rd Feb., at 3 p.m.
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